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## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

## 2012 Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

## Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.340(91) and to advise the parties concerned of the 2012 amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code). The amendments will enter into force on 1 June 2014.

- 1. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 64<sup>th</sup> session in October 2012 and the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 91<sup>st</sup> session in November 2012 adopted, by resolution MEPC.225(64) and resolution MSC.340(91) respectively, the 2012 amendments to the IBC Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 June 2014.
- 2. The amendments solely related to chapters 17, 18 and 19 of the IBC Code which incorporated numerous changes and developments for the carriage requirements of many new and existing products.
- 3. The details of the 2012 amendments to the IBC Code annexed to IMO resolution MSC.340(91) can be found on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachment to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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