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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Annex I of the MARPOL 73/78

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the IMO amendments to Annex I of the MARPOL 73/78 that will enter into force internationally on 1 October 2014 or later.

- 1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization at its 65th and 66th session has adopted the following resolutions in relation to amendments of Annex I of the MARPOL Convention:
 - (i) MEPC.235(65) -- Amendments to Form A and Form B of Supplements to the IOPP Certificate under MARPOL Annex I; and
 - (ii) MEPC.248(66) -- Mandatory carriage requirements for a stability instrument.

The first resolution will enter into force on 1 October 2014. The latter resolution is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2016.

2. The details of the related resolutions can be found from 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 and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and act accordingly.

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