



# 香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

## Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI and the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code 2008

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

### *Summary*

This Note informs that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO at its 69th session has adopted the amendments to the Annex VI of MARPOL and the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code 2008. Both amendments will enter into force internationally on 1 September 2017.

1. The MEPC adopted the amendments to Regulation 13 of Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention\* by MEPC.271(69) at its 69th session. The amendments require ships installed with marine diesel engines which are certified to both Tier II and Tier III emission standard, or which are certified to Tier II emission standard only and operating in NO<sub>x</sub> ECA to record the operational status of the engines. It is required to record the tier and on/off status of engines together with the date, time and position of the ship in logbook at entry into/exit from an ECA, and when the on/off status changes within ECA.

\* MARPOL Annex VI was completely revised by MEPC.328(76) (see MSIN 2/2023).

2. The Committee also adopted amendments to the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code 2008, by MEPC.272(69), to facilitate the testing of gas-fuelled engines and dual fuel engines. The amendments enable certification of gas fuelled and dual fuel engines which include revisions to the Parent engine test report and test data form.

3. Resolutions MEPC.271(69) and MEPC.272(69) are annexed to this Note and can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).

4. All parties concerned are advised to follow the Resolutions provided in this Information Note and act accordingly.

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