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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the International Maritime Organization (IMO) resolution MSC.391(95) and to advise the parties concerned of the adoption of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) which will enter into force on 1 January 2017 upon entry into force of amendments to chapters II-1, II-2 and the appendix to annex of SOLAS on the said date through resolution MSC.392(95).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of IMO adopted resolution MSC.391(95) in June 2015 to adopt the first version of the IGF Code which will take effect on 1 January 2017 upon entry into force of amendments to chapters II-1, II-2 and the appendix to annex of SOLAS on the said date through resolution MSC.392(95). The IGF Code regulates the use of natural gas. For other low-flashpoint fuels, regulations will be added to the IGF Code as, and when, they are adopted by IMO.

2. The details of the IGF Code 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 and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of the IGF Code along with the amendments to chapters II-1, II-2 and the appendix to annex of SOLAS and act accordingly.

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