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## 香 港 商 船 資 訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

## Unified Interpretations of Paragraph 4.4.7.6 of the LSA Code, as amended by Resolution MSC.320(89)

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

## **Summary**

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of paragraph 4.4.7.6 of the LSA Code, with a view to providing more specific guidance on lifeboat release and retrieval systems.

- 1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 96<sup>th</sup> session in May 2016, approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1529 on the unified interpretations of paragraph 4.4.7.6 of the LSA Code as amended by resolution MSC.320(89), with a view to providing more specific guidance on the revised LSA Code, comprising paragraphs 4.4.7.6.6, 4.4.7.6.7.2, 4.4.7.6.9 and 4.4.7.6.14, as amended by resolution MSC.320(89), to the systems to be installed on board ships constructed on or after 13 May 2016.
- 2. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1529 as an attachment to this Note can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).
- 3. Shipowners, ship managers, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to use the unified interpretation when applying paragraphs 4.4.7.6.6, 4.4.7.6.7.2, 4.4.7.6.9 and 4.4.7.6.14 of the LSA Code to the lifeboat release and retrieval systems to be installed on board ships constructed on or after 13 May 2016.

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