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### HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

#### **Amendments to Ballast Water Management Convention and the adoption of 2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange (G6)**

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

#### ***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to inform parties concerned that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO at its 71<sup>st</sup> session approved draft amendments to Ballast Water Management Convention and adopted the 2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange (G6).

1. On 7 July 2017, the 71st Session of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC 71) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) approved draft amendments to the Ballast Water Management Convention concerning the implementation schedule of the D-2 standard for ballast water management on ships\*.

\* The amendments have been adopted by resolutions MEPC.296(72), MEPC.297(72) and 299(72). Resolution MEPC.298(72) determined that the renewal survey referred to in regulation B-3.10 is the renewal survey for IOPP Certificate.

2. MEPC 71 also revised guidelines for ballast water exchange and the resolution MEPC.124(53) adopted on 22 July 2005 was revoked. In this connection, the “2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange (G6)” \*\* was adopted by Resolution MEPC. 288(71) on 7 July 2017.

\*\* Amended by resolution MEPC.371(80) (see MSIN 5/2024).

3. For details please refer to the IMO Circular Letter No.3771 and Resolution MEPC. 288(71) which can be found as an attachment to this Information Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).

4. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

5. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Chief, Maritime Policy of the Multi-lateral Policy Division, Marine Department at telephone number (852) 2852 4603 or by fax at (852) 2542 4841.

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