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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

## 2017 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V

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 adopted the "2017 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V". The previous guidelines adopted by resolution MEPC.219(63) in 2012 was revoked.

- 1. On 7 July 2017, the 71st Session of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC 71) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolution MEPC. 295(71), the "2017 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V", to assist relevant stakeholders to implement the MARPOL Annex V including the amendments to MARPOL Annex V and relevant requirements of the International Code for ships operating in polar waters (Polar Code), adopted by resolution MEPC.264(68). The MEPC 71 invites governments to take the 2017 Guidelines into account when implementing the provision of MARPOL Annex V.
- 2. The previous guidelines adopted by resolution MEPC.219(63) in 2012 was revoked accordingly. Consequently, any guidelines and notices contained in MSIN No. 49/2012 in relation to the "2012 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V" shall be revoked.
- 3. For details please refer to the resolution MEPC.295(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.

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