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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code of Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC. 413(97), 414(97) and 415(97) to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Code of Intact Stability, 2008 ('the 2008 IS Code').

- 1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the Resolution MSC. 413(97) and MSC. 414(97) for amendments to the Introduction and Part A and MSC. 415(97) for amendments to Part B of the International Code of Intact Stability, 2008 ('the 2008 IS Code') in November 2016.
- 2. Resolution MSC. 413(97) under the 1974 SOLAS Convention and MSC. 414(97) under the 1988 Load Lines Protocol serve to revise the purpose, definitions and Part A of the 2008 IS Code. The amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2020.
- 3. Resolution MSC. 415(97) revises the non-mandatory provisions of Part B of the 2008 IS Code by providing, on one hand, the recommended criteria for ships engaged in certain types of operations in respect of anchor handling, towing and escort and lifting and, on the other, the additional guidelines in preparing stability information. The amendments shall take effect on 1 January 2020.
- 4. Resolutions MSC. 413(97), MSC. 414(97) and MSC. 415(97) can be found in the attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).
- 5. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders are advised to note this amendment and act accordingly.

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