



## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code)**

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

**Summary**

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.412(97) to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Annex A and Annex B of the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 ('the 2011 ESP Code') as to the enhanced survey requirements for bulk carriers and oil tankers including thickness measurement and close-up surveys. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2018.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolution MSC.412(97) on 25 November 2016 to revise the 2011 ESP Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2018.
2. With a view to clarifying how the close-up surveys and thickness measurements are to be performed for oil tankers and bulk carriers, the amendments to the 2011 ESP Code prescribes the execution of the thickness measurements of those structural areas subject to close-up surveys, the exercise of close-up survey and thickness measurements on the hatch cover and coaming plating and stiffeners as well as the minimum requirements of the survey.
3. The resolution MSC.412(97) can be found as attachment to this 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 of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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