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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.409(97) to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to chapters II-1, II-2 and XI-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 which will enter into force on 1 January 2020.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolution MSC.409(97) on 25 November 2016 to amend SOLAS. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2020.

2. The amendments involve the following chapters of SOLAS:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Title - Matters of concern</u>
MSC.409(97)	II-1/3-12	Protection against noise – Revision of the application date of the Noise Code
	II-2/1, 10	Reg. 1 (Application), Reg. 10 (Firefighting) – Revision of the requirements for additional fire-extinguisher arrangement
	XI-1/2-1 (new)	Harmonization of survey periods of cargo ships not subject to the ESP Code for intermediate and renewal surveys

3. The details of the amendments as annexed to IMO resolution MSC.409(97) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to note the above.

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