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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC. 422(98) to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) relating to the requirements of the fire safety in Chapter 11 of the Code. The amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2020.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 98th session, adopted the resolution MSC. 422(98) on 15 June 2017 to amend the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code). The amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2020.
2. The resolution MSC. 422(98) adopted amendments to paragraph 11.3.2 (Fire Safety: Regulations for fire protection) of Chapter 11 of the IGF Code so as to remove the requirement for A-0 class divisions of any boundaries, including navigation bridge windows, above the navigation bridge deck.
3. The details of the amendments as annexed to IMO resolution MSC. 422(98) 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 amendments and act accordingly.

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