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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

List of National Operational Contact Points

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

Summary

This Notice replaces the previous Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1059 issued on 3 March 2004. It provides updated information on the List of National Operational Contact Points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances, including oil from ships to coastal States. The List should be included in the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan.

1. According to the Merchant Shipping (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations and Protocol I of the MARPOL 73/78 Convention, the master of a ship involved in an incident of actual or probable discharge of oil or harmful substances at sea is required to report the particulars of such incident without delay to the nearest coastal State. It is also a requirement, under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations as well as Regulation 26 of MARPOL Annex I, that the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan should contain a list of authorities or persons to be contacted in the event of an oil pollution incident.
2. IMO has issued a circular (MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.1) which provides an updated List of the National Operational Contact Points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances, including oil from ships to coastal States (the List). Ship masters should use the List when making reports on pollution incident to the coastal States. The List should be included in the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan.

3. As the MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.1 circular is a bulky document, it is not issued as an annex to this Merchant Shipping Notice. However, the List is available as an attachment to this Merchant Shipping Notice on the web site of Marine Department. The List is also available on Internet in <http://www.imo.org> (select “IMO Circulars/Contact Points” or “National Contacts”).
4. Ship masters should note that IMO Guidelines for the Development of Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan also advises ship masters to contact the nearest coastal radio station, the designated ship movement reporting station, or the rescue co-ordination centre (RCC) if any undue delay is experienced by the master in contacting the responsible authority.
5. This notice supersedes Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1059 issued on 3 March 2004.

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