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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

Global and Uniform Implementation of the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)

To: Shipowners, Masters, Agents and Classification Societies

Summary

This Notice relates to the Assembly Resolution A.883(21) introducing procedures to issue certificates under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) and provides more flexibility on the date for the implementation of the HSSC. HKSAR will adopt these procedures.

1. IMO Assembly at its 21st session on 25 November 1999 adopted the Global and Uniform Implementation of the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) by Resolution A.883(21).
2. Resolution A.883(21) invites States to introduce the harmonized system of survey and certification in the manner as reproduced in the Annex 1 to this Notice. The main points are:-
 - (a) The current certificates on board a ship on 3 February 2000 will remain valid until they expire;
 - (b) A more flexible date may be adopted for the introduction of the HSSC after 3 February 2000 other than the latest expiry date of certificates issued under SOLAS, Load Line and MARPOL Conventions subject to agreement between the shipowner or company and the Administration;
 - (c) When an existing certificate expires before the date of introduction of the HSSC, a new certificate may be issued under the HSSC after renewal survey with the expiry date limited to the date of the introduction of the HSSC; and
 - (d) When the HSSC is introduced, renewal surveys should be carried out whether or not they are due, and a new set of certificates under the HSSC should be issued with a common anniversary date.
3. Marine Department of the HKSAR will adopt Annex 1 to Resolution A.883(21) for the implementation of the HSSC.

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