

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 63 OF 2016**

(Marine Industrial Safety)

### **Notice to operators of vessels**

A locally licensed flat top work barge berthed alongside the pile pier off City Garden, Island Eastern Corridor Link. Welding was carried out for a yellow marker buoy on board the work barge. Explosion happened to the buoy causing one person's death.

2. The preliminary investigation attributes the causes of accident to the application of improper hot work procedures leading to the explosion.

3. Operators of vessels are hereby reminded that:

- A risk assessment should be carried out to identify all the hazards involving in the hot work before commencement of the work; and
- Hot work procedures should be followed, and appropriate safety precautions should be taken when hot work is to be carried out for a sealed container.

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