

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 34 OF 1997

Exhibition of Navigation Lights

(Navigational & Seamanship Safety Practices)

Attention is invited to Part C of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, which lays down the requirements of navigation lights and shapes to be exhibited by vessels. Sub-paragraph (b) of Rule 20 requires lights shall be exhibited from sunset to sunrise, and during such times no other lights shall be exhibited, except such lights which cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in the Rules or do not impair their visibility or distinctive character, or interfere with the keeping of a proper look-out.

2. Some vessels operating in Hong Kong exhibit flood lights or other bright lights which may adversely affect the safe navigation of other vessels in the vicinity. Masters, coxswains and persons-in-charge of vessels are reminded that in accordance with Section 10(3) of the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance, Cap. 313 the penalty for non compliance with the provisions of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 is \$20,000.

3. Masters and persons-in-charge of vessels should ensure that the vessels are exhibiting the proper navigation lights or shapes before the commencement of any voyage.

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