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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**2008 Revised Guidelines For Systems For Handling Oily Wastes In Machinery Spaces Of Ships and Guidance Notes For An Integrated Bilge Water Treatment System (IBTS)**

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Shipmasters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders*

*Summary*

This Note provides updated information on the International Maritime Organization's 2008 revised guidelines for systems for handling oily waters in machinery spaces of ships including guidance notes for integrated bilge water treatment system (IBTS). This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No.26/2006.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its 58<sup>th</sup> session held in October 2008 approved the 2008 Revised Guidelines for systems for handling oily wastes in machinery spaces of ships with Guidance notes for an integrated bilge water treatment system (IBTS). The revised guidelines and guidance notes are set out in the Annex to MEPC.1/Circ.642.
2. The information contained in the MEPC Circular should be regarded as guidance in achieving an efficient and effective system for the handling of oily water and oily residues (sludge) for new buildings and, where applicable and reasonable, for ships which are in service.
3. Owners, managers, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are recommended to take note of the 2008 Revised Guidelines and the Guidance notes for the IBTS and act appropriately.
4. The MEPC.1/Circ.642 can be found as an attachment to this Note on Marine Department website at "<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>".
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No.26/2006.

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