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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation of the International Bulk Chemicals (IBC) Code

To : Shipowners, Ship Mangers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation of chapter 3 of the IBC Code.

1. IMO Maritime Safety Committee at its 83rd session in October 2007 approved the unified interpretation of chapter 3 of the IBC Code. The unified interpretation as contained in the attached MSC.1/Circ.1241 should be used as guidance when applying relevant provisions of chapter 3 of the IBC Code for the location of paint lockers for ships constructed on or after 5 October 2007.
2. Shipowners, ship mangers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the unified interpretation and act accordingly.

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