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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

IMO Circulars related to the Carriage of Dangerous Goods

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Masters*

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Circulars DSC.1/Circ.54 and DSC.1/Circ.55 which provide information or guidance related to the carriage of goods under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

1. The Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 12th session in September 2007, approved the following IMO Circulars with the objective to provide information or guidance related to the carriage of dangerous goods:

IMO Circular	Description
<u>DSC.1/Circ.54</u> - Information on the amendments to the marine pollutants provisions, which will enter into force through amendment 34-08 to the IMDG Code on voluntary basis from 1 January 2009 and mandatory from 1 January 2010	This circular provides information on how the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code will be amended in respect of the marine pollutant provisions.

IMO Circular	Description
<p><u>DSC.1/Circ.55</u> – Guidance on the application of chapter 2.10 (Marine Pollutants) of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code (amendment 33-06)</p>	<p>This circular provides guidance on the application of chapter 2.10 (Marine Pollutants) of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code (amendment 33-06) in relation to declaration of marine pollutants and severe marine pollutants, and transportation of substances no longer meeting the criteria for designation as a marine pollutant or a severe marine pollutant. The circular will be invalid upon entry into force of amendment 34-08 of the IMDG Code.</p>

2. The circulars DSC.1/Ciru.54 and DSC.1/Circ.55 are attached to this Note for ready reference. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and masters of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of the guidance and act accordingly.

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