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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2.

1. IMO Maritime Safety Committee at its 84th session in May 2008 approved the unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2. The unified interpretations as contained in the attached circular MSC.1/Circ.1276 relate to the following areas:

- Arrangements for gaseous fuel for domestic purposes
- Separation of galley exhausts ducts from enclosed spaces
- Fixed local application fire-extinguishing systems
- Fixed deck foam fire-extinguishing systems

2. The unified interpretations should be used as guidance when applying relevant provisions of SOLAS chapter II-2 to fire protection construction, installation, arrangements and equipment to be installed on board ships of which the building contract is placed on or after 9 May 2008.

3. The Maritime Safety Committee at its 84th session also approved the unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2 on the number and arrangement of portable fire extinguishers on board ships. The unified interpretations as contained in the attached circular MSC.1/Circ.1275 should be used as guidance when applying relevant provisions of SOLAS chapter II-2 on the number and arrangement of portable fire extinguishers on board ships on or after 1 January 2009.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the unified interpretations and act accordingly.

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