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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code)

Interpretation and Application of the IGC Code for Ships carrying Liquefied Carbon Dioxide in Bulk

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate :

- (a) IMO resolution MSC.220(82) on the amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code); and
- (b) IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1213 which provides the interpretation and application of the IGC Code for ships carrying liquefied carbon dioxide in bulk.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, at its 82nd session in December 2006, adopted resolution MSC.220(82) to amend the IGC Code. The amendments revise the requirements on fire protection and fire extinction, mechanical ventilation in the cargo area and specify the minimum carriage requirements for the new products dimethyl ether and carbon dioxide. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2008.

2. The Maritime Safety Committee, at the same session, also approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1213 regarding the interpretation and application of the IGC Code for ships carrying liquefied carbon dioxide in bulk.

3. Resolution MSC.220(82) and the circular MSC.1/Circ.1213 are attached to this Note for ready reference. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and interpretation and act accordingly.

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