



## 2011 Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ships' Biofouling to Minimize the Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species

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

### *Summary*

This Note draws attention of the Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators and Masters to the Guidelines, adopted by MEPC 62 in July 2011, for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species.

1. In July 2011, at its 62<sup>nd</sup> session, IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) adopted the “*2011 Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ships' Biofouling to Minimize the Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species*” by resolution MEPC.207(62). The main purpose of these Guidelines is to provide a globally consistent approach to the management of biofouling, which identifies as an important means of transferring invasive aquatic species that may pose threats to the environment, human health, property and resources.
2. The Guidelines as annexed to IMO resolution MEPC. 207(62) can be found on Marine Department Website at “<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>” attached to this MSIN.
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators and Masters are advised to note the Guidelines.

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