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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and its Protocol 1988

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and its Protocol 1988 (SOLAS), which will enter into force internationally on 1 July 2012. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 21/2011.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted Resolutions MSC.308(88) and MSC.309(88) to amend SOLAS. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2012.

2. These amendments involve the following chapters of SOLAS:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.308(88)	II-1/41	Main source of electrical power and lighting systems
	II-2/1	Application of amendments
	II-2/3	The new International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 (2010 FTP Code)
	II-2/7.4.1.3	Fixed fire detection and fire alarm system in enclosed spaces containing incinerators
	V/18.9	Annual testing of Automatic Identification System (AIS)
	V/23	Pilot transfer equipment and arrangements
MSC.309(88)	Appendix	Certificates
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3. The details of these amendments can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.
4. A table listing all the different sets of amendments to SOLAS adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 July 2012 is attached with this Note as Annex 1 for easy reference.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 21/2011.

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