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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### Application of New SOLAS Regulation III/1.5

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

#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the application of the new SOLAS regulation III/1.5, related amendments to chapter IV of the International Life-saving Appliance (LSA) Code and associated Guidelines for evaluation and replacement of lifeboat release and retrieval systems adopted by IMO in 2011.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 89<sup>th</sup> session in 2011, adopted the resolution MSC.317(89) which requires all ships with lifeboat on-load release mechanisms not complying with the new LSA Code requirements as contained in resolution MSC.320(89) to be replaced with equipment complying with the LSA Code not later than the first scheduled dry-docking after 1 July 2014, but not later than 1 July 2019. The Committee also approved the Guidelines for Evaluation and Replacement of Lifeboat Release and Retrieval Systems (resolution MSC.1/Circ.1392) which should be used to evaluate existing lifeboat release and retrieval systems at the earliest available opportunity.
2. The aim of the new SOLAS regulation, related amendments to the LSA Code and the associated Guidelines is to improve the safety of lifeboat on-load release and retrieval systems. Based on the clarification provided in MSC.1/Circ.1393, ships constructed on or after 1 July 2014 are to be fitted while ships constructed on or after 20 May 2011 but before 1 July 2014 are encouraged to be fitted with lifeboat on-load release and retrieval mechanisms that comply with the new LSA Code requirements.
3. IMO documents MSC.317(89), MSC.320(89), MSC.1/Circ.1392 and MSC.1/Circ.1393 can be found as attachments to this Note on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).

4. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies, Shipbuilders and Lifeboat Manufacturers of Hong Kong registered ships are encouraged to apply at the earliest available opportunity the related amendments to the LSA Code and the associated Guidelines prior to the scheduled date of entry into force of the SOLAS regulation III/1.5.

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