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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of Chapter 3 of the FSS Code

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of Chapter 3 of the FSS Code, in providing more specific guidance for the requirements of the audible alarm and a visual or other device for the compressed air breathing apparatus.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 94th session in November 2014, approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1499, with a view to providing more specific guidance for the requirements of the audible alarm and a visual or other device which will alert the user for using the compressed air breathing apparatus.
2. The MSC.1/Circ.1499 is attached to this Note and can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. 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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