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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Certification under the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks

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

Summary

This note promulgates the arrangements for Hong Kong registered ships to comply with the certification requirements under the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, which will enter into force on 14 April 2015. This note shall be read in conjunction with the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 29/2014.

1. After the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (the Convention) enters into force on 14 April 2015, ships of 300 gross tonnage and above, wherever registered, trading in countries that have ratified the Convention will need to hold a certificate attesting that insurance or other financial security is in force in accordance with the provisions of this Convention (the Certificate).
2. Preparation works for China to become a State Party are still being carried out. It is anticipated that extension of the application of the Convention to the Hong Kong Special Administration Region will be lagging behind the enforcement date for a considerably long period. In this connection, owners of Hong Kong registered ships shall approach any of the State Parties to obtain the Certificate before their ships trade to countries which are State Parties to the Convention.
3. Hong Kong Marine Department's has liaised with certain State Parties. Replies from the Administrations of Germany, Marshall Islands and United Kingdom have been received, and they confirmed that they will also issue Certificates to ships flying the flag of non-Parties, including Hong Kong. Relevant procedures and requirements for applying the Certificate with these Administrations are stipulated in **Annex I** attached to this note.

4. As at 6 January 2015, the Convention has 13 State Parties. Besides the three Administrations mentioned in above paragraph 3, there may be other countries who are willing to issue the Certificate to ships flying flags of non-Parties. Owners of Hong Kong registered ships are advised to approach their respective P&I clubs for further information.

5. The present State Parties of the Convention are listed in **Annex II** attached to this note. Further accessions by any States to the Convention (as well as other conventions) could be found in the following document published on the IMO websites:

<http://www.imo.org/About/Conventions/StatusOfConventions/Documents/Status%20-%202015.pdf>

6. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Chief, Technical Policy of the Multi-lateral Policy Division, Marine Department at telephone number (852) 2852 4602 or by fax (852) 2542 4841.

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