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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into Force of the Amended Hong Kong Legislation Implementing the Latest Requirements of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as modified by the Protocol of 1988 relating thereto

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned on the commencement of three (3) pieces of amended Hong Kong legislation, as well as one (1) commencement notice, which implement the requirements of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 as modified by the Protocol of 1988 relating thereto (ICLL). The amended regulations and the commencement notice will come into operation on 1 June 2018 and 28 May 2018 respectively.

1. To implement the latest amendments to the ICLL adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the following subsidiary regulations have been made under the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap 369) :-

- (a) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Line) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369AD);
- (b) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines) (Deck Cargo) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369AE); and
- (c) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines) (Length of Ship) Regulations (Repeal) Regulation (Cap.369AF).

The above regulations will come into operation on 1 June 2018.

2. In relation to the above-mentioned amendment regulations, a commencement notice has also been made to give certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2009 (Ordinance No. 10 of 2009) come into operation on 28 May 2018.

3. Copies of the above mentioned regulations and commencement notice are attached to this information note as Annexes 1 to 4. They could also be found in the following website of Marine Department <http://mardep.gov.hk/en/msin/msin.html>.

4. A table listing all adopted amendments to the ICLL since 2003 is also attached as Appendix to this Note for easy reference.

5. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders are required to take note and comply with the requirements of these amended regulations.

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