



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into force of the amended Hong Kong legislation on the implementation of the requirements of MARPOL Annex II, BCH Code and IBC Code

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

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 in relation to the implementation of the requirements of MARPOL Annex II, BCH Code and IBC Code. The amendment regulations will come into operation on 17 July 2018.

1. To implement the requirements of MARPOL Annex II, BCH Code and IBC Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization (“IMO”), the amendments to the following subsidiary legislations have been made under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413) giving effect to certain amendments to these mandatory instruments, will come into operation on 17 July 2018.

- (a) Merchant Shipping (Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substance in Bulk) Regulation (Cap. 413 sub. leg. B);
- (b) Merchant Shipping (BCH Code) Regulation (Cap. 413 sub. leg. D); and
- (c) Merchant Shipping (IBC Code) Regulation (Cap. 413 sub. leg. E).

2. The amended regulations reflect the latest requirements of MARPOL Annex II in relation to the discharge and washings of tanks, documents, construction and equipment, and surveys and related matters on oil/chemical tankers that carrying noxious liquid substance in bulk.

3. Copies of the amendments to the said regulations are attached to this Information Note as Annexes 1 to 3. They could also be found on the website of Marine Department (MD) (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>). The consolidated legislation is also available on the MD’s website (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/publication/home.html>) on or after 17 July 2018.

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

5. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Senior Surveyor of the Maritime Policy Branch at telephone number 2852 4395 or by e-mail to “hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk”.

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