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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments of 2018 to the Code of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to inform the parties concerned on the amendments to the Code of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (the Code) by the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on 5 June 2018.

1. The 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Labour Conference of the ILO approved the amendments to the Code on 5 June 2018 to prevent the cancellation or expiry of seafarers' employment agreements when they were held captive on or off the ships as a result of piracy or armed robbery against ships; and to protect the wages and other entitlements provided for in those employment agreements. The amendments are expected to enter into force globally on 26 December 2020.
2. The mandatory requirements of the amendments to the Code could be summarized as follows:
  - (a) Standard A2.1: a new paragraph is added to ensure the Seafarers' employment agreements shall continue to have effect while a seafarer is held captive on or off the ship as a result of acts of piracy or armed robbery against ships.
  - (b) Standard A2.2: a new paragraph is added to ensure wages and other entitlements under the seafarers' employment agreement shall continue to be paid during the entire period of captive and until the seafarer is released and duly repatriated.
3. A copy of the aforementioned amendments to the Code can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

5. Any enquiries in relation to 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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