



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into Force of New and Amended Hong Kong Legislation Implementing the Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Officers and Crew

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned to four (4) pieces of amended and two (2) pieces of new Hong Kong legislation, which implements the latest training requirements as stipulated in the Annexes to the International Convention for the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (the STCW Convention) and the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code (the STCW Code) in relation to (i) ships subject to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases and other Low-flashpoint Fuels; (ii) ships operating in polar waters; and (iii) passenger ships. These regulations will come into force on 31 May 2019.

1. To implement the latest training requirements of the STCW Convention and Code adopted by International Maritime Organization, the following new regulations and amendment regulations/order have been made under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap.478) or the Administrative Appeals Board Ordinance (Cap.442) -

- (1) Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Using Low-flashpoint Fuels) Regulation (Cap.478AK);
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Operating in Polar Waters) Regulation (Cap.478AL);
- (3) Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Passenger Ships—Training) (Amendment) Regulation 2019 (Cap.478AD);
- (4) Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certification and Watchkeeping) (Amendment) Regulation 2019 (Cap.478T);
- (5) Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2019 (Cap.478AB); and
- (6) Administrative Appeals Board Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2019 (Cap.442).

The date of coming into force for the above regulations/order is set to be on 31 May 2019.

2. Copies of the above-mentioned regulations/order can be found in the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as Annexes 1 to 6.

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, officers and crew of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note and comply with the requirements of these new and amended regulations.

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