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### HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

#### **Guidelines and sets of guidance for ensuring consistent implementation of the 0.50% Sulphur Limit under MARPOL Annex VI**

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

#### ***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the adoption of guidelines and approval of guidance at the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 74) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for ensuring consistent implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI which will enter into force on 1 January 2020.

1. To ensure consistent implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI from 1 January 2020, MEPC 74 adopted one (1) set of guidelines by resolution MEPC.320(74) and approved three (3) sets of guidance by circulars MEPC.1/Circ.881, MEPC.1/Circ.883 and MEPC.1/Circ.884, which could be summarised as follows:

- (1) MEPC.320(74): 2019 Guidelines for consistent implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI;
- (2) MEPC.1/Circ.881: Guidance for port State control on contingency measures for addressing non-compliant fuel oil;
- (3) MEPC.1/Circ.883\*: Guidance on indication of ongoing compliance in the case of the failure of a single monitoring instrument, and recommended actions to take if the Exhaust Gas Cleaning System (EGCS) fails to meet the provisions of the 2015 EGCS Guidelines (resolution MEPC.259(68));  
\* Revoked by MEPC.1/Circ.883/Rev.1
- (4) MEPC.1/Circ.884\*\* : Guidance for best practice for Member State/coastal States.  
\*\* Revoked by MEPC.1/Circ.884/Rev.1

2. Copies of the aforementioned resolution and circulars can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Information Note.

3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note and take account of the information when implementing the 0.50% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI.

4. 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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