



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**2019 Guidelines for port State control under MARPOL Annex VI
Chapter 3**

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the 2019 Guidelines for port State control under MARPOL Annex VI Chapter 3 adopted by the 74th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 74) of International Maritime Organization (IMO)

1. On 17 May 2019, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 74th Session adopted resolution MEPC.321(74) to introduce the 2019 Guidelines for port State control under MARPOL Annex VI chapter 3 (the 2019 PSC Guidelines).
2. The 2019 PSC Guidelines are intended to provide basic guidance on the conduct of port State control inspections for compliance with MARPOL Annex VI and afford consistency in the conduct of these inspections, the recognition of deficiencies and the application of control procedures. The 2019 PSC Guidelines is applicable from 1 January 2020 when exercising port State control under MARPOL Annex VI.
3. The 2019 PSC Guidelines revokes the 2009 Guidelines for port State control under the revised MARPOL Annex VI adopted by resolution MEPC.181(59) from 1 January 2020.
4. A copy of resolution MEPC.321(74) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Information Note.
5. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are required to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

6. 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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