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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendment to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) and the revised emergency response procedures for ships carrying dangerous goods (EMS Guide)**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the amendment to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) and the revised emergency response procedures for ships carrying dangerous goods (EMS Guide). This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 2/2021 and 51/2016.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 105<sup>th</sup> session in April 2022 adopted resolution MSC.501(105) to amend the IMDG Code and approved to revise the EMS Guide by the circular MSC.1/Circ.1588/Rev.2.
2. Details of the amendments 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, ship masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and act accordingly, taking into account the voluntary application date of 1 January 2023 of amendment (41-22) of the IMDG Code pending its envisaged mandatory entry-into-force date of 1 January 2024.
4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 2/2021 and 51/2016.

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