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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations on the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations on the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 with a view to facilitating global and consistent implementation of requirements concerning sill and coaming heights for openings on top of deckhouses and companionways, and including text of regulations 27(13)(e) and 37(3) of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol.

This Note supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 55/2016 issued on 7 December 2016.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 105th session in April 2022, approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1535/Rev.2 proclaiming the unified interpretations on the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 with a view to facilitating global and consistent implementation of requirements concerning sill and coaming heights for openings on top of deckhouses and companionways, and including text of regulations 27(13)(e) and 37(3) of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol.
2. The details of circular MSC.1/Circ.1535/Rev.2 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the unified interpretations and act accordingly.

4. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No.55/2016 issued on 7 December 2016 is hereby superseded.

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