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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of Performance Standards for Shipborne VHF Radio Installations capable of Voice Communication and Digital Selective Calling

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

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Resolution MSC.511(105) on performance standards for shipborne VHF radio installations capable of voice communication and digital selective calling.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 105th session on 28 April 2022, adopted the Resolution MSC.511(105) on revised performance standards for shipborne VHF radio installations capable of voice communication and digital selective calling. The VHF radio installation, in addition to meeting the requirements of SOLAS regulations IV/7.1.1, 7.1.2 and 8.2, should comply with the relevant ITU-R Recommendations, the general requirements set out in resolutions A.694(17), MSC.191(79), as amended and the latest requirements in Resolution MSC.511(105).
2. The Resolution MSC.511(105) 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 advised to ensure that shipborne VHF radio installations capable of voice communication and digital selective calling which will form part of the GMDSS:
 - (a) if installed on or after 1 January 2024, conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to Resolution MSC.511(105);

- (b) if installed on or after 23 November 1996 but before 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution A.803(19), as amended, or conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to Resolution MSC.511(105); and
- (c) if installed before 23 November 1996, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution A.609(15).

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