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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidelines for the Avoidance of False Distress Alerts

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

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Resolution MSC.514(105) the “Guidelines for the avoidance of false distress alerts” adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its 105th session, on 28 April 2022.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 105th session on 28 April 2022, adopted the Resolution MSC.514(105) which contains the revised Guidelines for the avoidance of false distress alerts. The guidelines ensure the proper operation of radiocommunication services which are part of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).
2. The Resolution MSC.514(105) supersedes Resolution A.814(19), as from 1 January 2024 and it 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 guidelines and act accordingly.

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