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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of Performance Standards for Survival Craft Portable Two-Way VHF Radiotelephone Apparatus

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

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Resolution MSC.515(105) on performance standards for survival craft portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 105th session on 28 April 2022, adopted the Resolution MSC.515(105) on revised performance standards for survival craft portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus. The survival craft portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus, in addition to meeting the requirements of SOLAS regulations IV/7.2.2, 7.3.2 and 14.1, should comply with the relevant ITU-R Recommendations, the general requirements set out in resolution A.694(17) and the latest requirements in Resolution MSC.515(105).
2. The Resolution MSC.515(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 survival craft portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus:
 - (a) if installed on or after 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to Resolution MSC.515(105);
 - (b) if installed on or after 1 July 2005 but before 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution MSC.149(77);

- (c) if installed on or after 23 November 1996 but before 1 July 2005, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in annex 1 to resolution A.809(19);
and
- (d) if installed before 23 November 1996, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in annex 1 to resolution A.762(18).

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