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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of Amendments to the Performance Standards for Radiocommunication Equipment (Resolution MSC.80(70))

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

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Resolution MSC.516(105) on amendments to the Performance Standards for radiocommunication equipment, Resolution MSC.80(70), consisting of the Recommendation on performance standards for on-scene (aeronautical) portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus and the Recommendation on performance standards for on-scene (aeronautical) two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus for fixed installations.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 105th session on 28 April 2022, adopted the Resolution MSC.516(105) on amendments to the Performance Standards for radiocommunication equipment, Resolution MSC.80(70). The amendments to resolution MSC.80(70) ensure the proper operation of radiocommunication services which are part of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).
2. The details of the amendments as annexed to Resolution MSC.516(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 on-scene (aeronautical) two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus for use in search and rescue operations:

- (a) if installed on or after 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annexes to resolution MSC.80(70), as amended by the Resolution MSC.516(105); and
- (b) if installed before 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annexes to resolution MSC.80(70).

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