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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance for the Reception of Maritime Safety Information and Search and Rescue related Information as required in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)

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

Summary

This Note promulgates the Guidance for the reception of maritime safety information (MSI) and search and rescue (SAR) related information as required in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) which should become applicable from 1 January 2024 in conjunction with the entry into force of the related SOLAS amendments.

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.1645 which contains the Guidance for the reception of maritime safety information and search and rescue related information as required in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).
2. This circular provides guidance on the recognized MSI and SAR related information broadcast services and the equipment which should be installed on board ships to meet the latest amendments to the SOLAS chapter IV adopted by Resolution MSC.496(105) while enabling the flexibility to incorporate new technologies.
3. The Guidance should become applicable from 1 January 2024 in conjunction with the entry into force of the related SOLAS amendments and the Circular MSC.1/Circ.1645 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the guidance and act accordingly.

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