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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into Force of Amended Hong Kong Legislation Implementing the amendments to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (AFS Convention)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned to the amended Hong Kong legislation, which implements certain revisions made to the AFS Convention as stipulated in resolution MEPC. 331(76). The amendments to Annexes 1 and 4 to the AFS Convention will come into force on 1 January 2023.

1. To implement certain revisions made to the AFS Convention as stipulated in resolution MEPC. 331(76) adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on 17 June 2021, the Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) (Amendment) Regulation 2022 (“the Amendment Regulation”) has been made under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413). The aforesaid regulation will come into force on 1 January 2023.

2. A copy of the above-mentioned regulation can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Information Note.

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders are required to take note and comply with the requirements of the amendment regulation.

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