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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code)**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the resolution MSC.525(106) adopted by the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 ("2011 ESP Code") relating to an extension of inspections where a hard protective coating is found to be in "less than GOOD" condition. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2024.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee ("MSC") of the IMO, at its 106th session adopted the resolution MSC.525(106) on 10 November 2022 in amending the 2011 ESP Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2024.
2. The key amendments to the 2011 ESP Code by the resolution MSC.525(106) were adopted relating to an extension of inspections on bulk carriers where a hard protective coating is found to be in "less than GOOD" condition. For ballast tanks (with specifications based on ship design and age), if the protective coating condition "less than GOOD" is given, tanks shall be examined at annual surveys.
3. The details of the resolution MSC.525(106) 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 and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of the amendment and act accordingly.

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