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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the resolution MSC.526(106) adopted by the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Chapter 2 of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk ("IBC Code"). 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.526(106) on 10 November 2022 in amending the IBC Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2024.
2. The amendments to Chapter 2 (Ship survival capability and location of cargo tanks) of the IBC Code align the requirements for doors in watertight bulkheads with that of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and allow for hinged watertight doors where previously the regulations only included remotely operated sliding watertight doors.
3. The details of the resolution MSC.526(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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