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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) and Amendments to SOLAS

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

Summary

This Note serves to inform about the adoption of the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel ("IP Code") and relevant amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("SOLAS"). The IP Code will enter into force on 1 July 2024, in correlation with the new SOLAS Chapter XV.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee ("MSC") of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") at its 106th session adopted the IP Code. The IP Code provides international safety standards for the carriage of industrial personnel onboard cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft. The relevant requirements of the IP Code are made mandatory by establishing a new SOLAS Chapter XV to provide international regulation addressing the safe carriage of industrial personnel. The amendments to SOLAS Convention with a new Chapter XV - Safety measures for ships carrying industrial personnel and IP Code are expected to enter into force on 1 July 2024.
2. The following documents in relation to the implementation of the IP Code can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note: -
 - (a) MSC.521(106) - Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (Chapter XV); and
 - (b) MSC.527(106) - International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code).
3. All parties concerned are advised to take note of these documents and act accordingly.

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