



## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Fixed Dry Chemical Powder Fire-extinguishing Systems for the Protection of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Fixed Dry Chemical Powder Fire-extinguishing Systems for the Protection of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee ("MSC") of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO"), at its 106<sup>th</sup> session in November 2022, approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1315/Rev.1 to amend the Guidelines for the Approval of Fixed Dry Chemical Powder Fire-extinguishing Systems for the Protection of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk, circular MSC.1/Circ.1315, related to fixed dry chemical powder fire-extinguishing systems for the protection of on-deck cargo areas in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("SOLAS") regulation II-2/1.6.2 and Chapter 11 of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk ("IGC Code").
2. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1315/Rev.1, supersedes MSC.1/Circ.1315, can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
3. Existing fixed dry chemical powder fire-extinguishing systems for the protection of ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk approved based on MSC.1/Circ.1315 and installed before 1 July 2023 should be permitted to remain in service as long as they are serviceable.
4. For the purpose of this resolution, the expression "*installed on or after 1 July 2023*" means:

- (a) for ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 July 2023, or in the absence of the contract, constructed on or after 1 July 2023, any installation date on the ship; or
- (b) for ships other than those ships prescribed in paragraph (a) above, a contractual delivery date for the equipment or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date, the actual delivery date of the equipment to the ship on or after 1 July 2023.

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

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