



# 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### Survey, Audit and Certification for Hong Kong Registered Ships

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

#### ***Summary***

This Note is to provide information and guidance to the parties concerned on the survey, audit and certification as well as the interpretation of “to the satisfaction of the Administration” for Hong Kong registered ships.

#### **Surveys, Audits and Certifications Standards**

1. Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs) of Marine Department (MD) are authorized to carry out the survey, audit and certification for Hong Kong registered ships (HK ships) in accordance with the authorization documents and the requirements laid down by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) under appropriate maritime conventions which are effective in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

#### **"To the satisfaction of the Administration"**

2. From time to time, MD issues interpretation to the parties concerned on those requirements found in the IMO conventions that are “to the satisfaction of the Administration”. In the absence of specific interpretation, the relevant Unified Interpretations (UIs) adopted by the IMO will be applied for unified implementation.

3. Without contravening the IMO requirements, the UIs of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) will be considered on a case by case basis.

4. For interpretation of regulations not addressed by the above, MD will consider the recommendations by the ROs / RSOs of MD on a case by case basis for interpreting the requirements of the applicable instruments, provided that the applicable technical standards recommend by the ROs are within the limits of those applicable conventions.

## **Enquiries**

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