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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Revised Guidelines for the Design and Approval of Fixed Water-Based Fire-Fighting Systems for Ro-Ro Spaces and Special Category Spaces

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 Design and Approval of Fixed Water-Based Fire-Fighting Systems for Ro-Ro Spaces and Special Category Spaces.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 107th session in June 2023, approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1430/Rev.3 to amend the Revised Guidelines for the Design and Approval of Fixed Water-Based Fire-Fighting Systems for Ro-Ro Spaces and Special Category Spaces, circular MSC.1/Circ.1430/Rev.2, in relation to the use of the term "free height".
2. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1430/Rev.3, supersedes MSC.1/ Circ.1430/Rev.2, can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
3. These Revised Guidelines and fire tests are applied when approving of fixed water-based fire-fighting systems for open and closed ro-ro spaces and special category spaces installed on or after 1 January 2024.
4. 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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