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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance on the Validity of Radiocommunications Equipment Installed and Used on Ships

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

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.4 which provides guidance on the validity of radiocommunications equipment installed and used on ships. This Note supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 54/2013 issued on 8 October 2013.

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.1460/rev.4 with a view to providing “Guidance on the Validity of Radiocommunications Equipment Installed and Used on Ships”.
2. The guidance recognizes that incompatibility may exist between VHF radio-communication equipment installed on ships and on shore, and the revised frequencies and channelling arrangements in Appendix 18 of the ITU Radio Regulations (RR) – Edition 2020. To ensure GMDSS communication capability and the availability of appropriate GMDSS radiocommunication equipment, VHF radiocommunication equipment should be updated following the first radio survey after 1 January 2028.
3. This circular replaces MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.3 and the details of the guidance as set out in circular MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.4 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, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the guidance and act accordingly.

5. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 54/2013 issued on 8 October 2013 is hereby superseded.

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