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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidelines for Anchor Handling Winches

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 “Guidelines for Anchor Handling Winches”.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 107th session on June 2023, approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1662 with a view to providing “Guidelines for Anchor Handling Winches”. These guidelines support the application of a new SOLAS regulation II-1/3-13 for anchor handling winches, associated equipment and loose gear used in association with anchor handling winches, on all ships (both new and existing), from the expected entry into force date of 1 January 2026.
2. The details of the Guidelines as set out in circular MSC.1/Circ.1662 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the Guidelines and act accordingly.

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