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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Interim Guidelines on Safe Operation of Onshore Power Supply (OPS) Service in Port for Ships Engaged on International Voyages

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 Interim Guidelines on Safe Operation of Onshore Power Supply (OPS) Service in Port for Ships engaged on International Voyages.

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.1675, the *Interim Guidelines on Safe Operation of Onshore Power Supply (OPS) Service in Port for Ships engaged on International Voyages*, as set out in the annex, with a view to promoting safe operation of OPS service in port on ships.
2. These Interim Guidelines do not apply to the electrical power supply during docking periods, e.g. dry docking and the other out-of-service maintenance and repair. For tankers, the provisions in these Interim Guidelines may be specially considered.
3. The Interim Guidelines, circular MSC.1/Circ.1675, 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 interim guidelines and act accordingly.

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