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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of the 2008 IS Code

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Unified Interpretations of the 2008 Intact Stability Code (the "2008 IS Code"). This Note supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 65/2016 issued on 23 December 2016.

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.1537/Rev.2 to clarify that the scope of application of the interpretation of the specific down-flooding points applied to the entire 2008 Intact Stability Code.
2. This IMO circular revokes MSC.1/Circ.1537/Rev.1 and the details of the unified interpretations as annexed to MSC.1/Circ.1537/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. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the unified interpretations and act accordingly.
4. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No.65/2016 issued on 23 December 2016 is hereby superseded.

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