Functional Requirements and Performance Standards for the Assessment of Evacuation Guidance Systems

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

Summary

This Note promulgates the guidelines on the assessment of evacuation guidance systems approved by the Maritime Safety Committee at its 80th session held from 11 to 20 May 2005.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 80th session held from 11 to 20 May 2005, approved the guidelines on the assessment of evacuation guidance systems. The purpose of the guidelines is to provide functional requirements and performance standards applicable to all evacuation guidance systems used for identification of the routes of escape when the normal emergency lighting is less effective due to smoke.

2. The guidelines are contained in the MSC/Circ.1167, a copy of which is annexed to this Note. Shipowners, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders are advised to note the guidelines.

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