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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Promulgation of Information by Merchant Shipping Notice and Merchant Shipping Information Note

To : All recipients of Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notices and Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Notes

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform all recipients of Merchant Shipping Notices and Merchant Shipping Information Notes about the system of promulgation of information by “Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice” and “Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note”. The Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 21/1999 issued on 1 June 1999 is superseded.

1. To enhance the dissemination of information related to ship safety, protection of marine environment and the shipping industry, the following two kinds of publications have been issued since 1 June 1999 :

- (a) Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice; and
- (b) Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note.

2. Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice (HKMSN)

2.1 HKMSNs are referred to in local legislation and contain material that has the force of law e.g. the technical details to implement mandatory requirements under the relevant Regulations. Therefore these HKMSNs have legal status and must be complied with. HKMSNs are required to be kept on board all Hong Kong registered ships.

2.2 These Notices are printed on white papers. A permanent 4-digit reference number is assigned to each Notice. Any subsequent amendments or revisions to the content of the Notice will not change the reference number but will be distinguished by the issuing date. The reference number of these Notices starts from No. 1000. These HKMSNs are available in both hard copies as well as from this Department's homepage at <http://www.mardep.gov.hk>.

3. Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note (HKMSIN)

3.1 HKMSINs are advisory in nature as they provide general information, recommendations, advice and guidelines to the relevant parties in order to improve the safety of ships and life at sea, and to prevent or minimize pollution from shipping.

3.2 These Notes are printed on blue paper and with a sequential number followed by the calendar year such as 1/2005, etc. As a HKMSIN may contain bulky attachment, such attachment will not normally be made available in hard copies but could be downloaded under the respective Note from the Department's homepage at <http://www.mardep.gov.hk>.

4. The Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 21/1999 issued on 1 June 1999 is hereby superseded.

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