



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the amendments to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual. The amendments will enter into force on 1 June 2008.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO at its 83rd session in October 2007 approved the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1249, which contains the amendments to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual. The amendments will enter into force on 1 June 2008.
2. The amendments include the following:
 - a. In Volume I, add a reference to the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea and quote Article 98 paragraph 2, which deals with search and rescue;
 - b. Add a new Appendix (K) to Volume I, to provide an overview of the relevant Articles, Annexes and Chapters of the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue and the Convention on International Civil Aviation;
 - c. Delete references to the use of 500 KHz for Morse Code distress, safety and calling transmissions in volumes I, II and III; and
 - d. Add new text in Volume II relating to the possible need for communications between aircraft and surface units within SAR Regions, to ensure that this need can be met even for aircraft that cannot communicate directly on maritime frequencies.

3. A copy of the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1249 is attached to this Note for ready reference. Parties concerned are required to note the amendments and act accordingly.

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