Adoption of the Performance Standards for Navigation Lights, Navigation Light Controllers and Associated Equipment

To: Shipowners, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies

Summary

This Note promulgates the new IMO Performance standards for navigation lights, navigation light controllers and associated equipment, which will come into force on 1 January 2009.

1. Resolution MSC.253(83) adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its 83rd session in October 2007 provides the performance standards for navigation lights, navigation light controllers and associated equipment for compliance with the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs), 1972.

2. A copy of the Resolution MSC.253(83) – “Adoption of the performance standards for navigation lights, navigation light controllers and associated equipment” is attached for ready reference. Shipowners, ship operators, masters and classification societies are advised that navigation lights, navigation light controllers and associated equipment installed on or after 1 January 2009 should conform to the performance standards not inferior to those specified in the Annex to Resolution MSC.253(83).

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