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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of Performance Standards for Survival Craft AIS Search and Rescue Transmitters (AIS-SART) for Use in Search and Rescue Operations

To : Shipowners, Ship Operators, and Classification Societies

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Resolution MSC.246(83) on performance standards for survival craft AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) to supplement the existing search and rescue transponder (SART).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 83rd session on 8 October 2007 adopted the Resolution MSC.246(83) on performance standards for survival craft AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) to supplement the existing search and rescue transponder (SART).
2. The IMO Resolutions MSC.246(83) is attached for ready reference.
3. Shipowners, ship operators, masters and classification societies are advised that AIS-SARTs used in search and rescue operations installed on or after 1 January 2010 should conform to the performance standards not inferior to that specified in the Annex to Resolution MSC.246(83).

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