Adoption of Recommendations for Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for MARPOL Annex I Oil Cargo and Oil Fuel

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the adoption of the International Maritime Organization resolution MSC.286(86) as from 1 July 2009 in lieu of resolution MSC.150(77).

1. Amendments to SOLAS regulation VI/5-1 by resolution MSC.239(83) in mandating the provision of MSDS entered into force on 1 July 2009.

2. Recognizing the importance of providing seafarers with clear information on the health and the environmental effects of toxic substances carried on board tankers, and the need to ensure a common understanding for an unambiguous implementation of SOLAS regulation VI/5-1, the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 86th. session adopted the “Recommendations for Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for MARPOL Annex I Oil Cargo and Oil Fuel” by resolution MSC.286(86) on 5 June 2009. The new recommendations for MSDS as set forth by resolution MSC.286(86) in lieu of resolution MSC.150(77) was applied on 1 July 2009.

3. The details of these resolutions can be found on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk) as attachments to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the resolutions and act accordingly.

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