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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Authorization of Recognized Organizations to issue Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage

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

Summary

This Note is to inform shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters and classification societies that the China Classification Society (CCS) and the Korean Register of Shipping (KR)* will be authorized by Marine Department to issue the "Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage" on or after 19 May 2010. The purpose of the authorization is to facilitate Hong Kong shipowners in the management of their Hong Kong registered vessels.

1. In accordance with the provision of article 7(3) of the Bunkers Convention, Hong Kong Marine Department notified the International Maritime Organization on 19 February 2010 that Marine Department will authorize the China Classification Society (CCS) and the Korean Register of Shipping (KR) to issue the "Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage" to Hong Kong registered ships.

2. The authorization will come into force on 19 May 2010. Thereafter, application for the subject insurance certificate for Hong Kong registered ships can be submitted to the Marine Department (MD) or one of the above mentioned classification societies. The application procedure for the certificate can be downloaded from the following websites:

MD : <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/hk/forms/home.html#survey>

CCS : http://www.ccs.org.cn/gb/InformationService/InformationService2_2_1.htm

KR : <http://www.krs.co.kr/cha/index.html> (Click "Form Download" in the "On-line Application Service")

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* In connection with Recognized Organizations, the official name of which can be found on the website (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/faq/surveyes.html>).