Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code)

Revised Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate:

(a) the Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code); and

(b) the Revised Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 87th session in May 2010, approved the amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code) for circulation as MSC.1/Circ.1352. The amendments provide Guidance on Providing Safe Working Conditions for Securing of Containers on Deck as a new annex 14 which is inserted after the existing annex 13 in the CSS Code.

2. The Maritime Safety Committee, at the same session, also approved the Revised Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual for circulation as MSC.1/Circ.1353. These Revised Guidelines are based on the provisions contained in the annex to MSC/Circ.745 but have been expanded to include the safe access for lashing of containers, taking into account the provisions of the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code), as amended.
3. The circulars MSC.1/Circ.1352 and MSC.1/Circ.1353 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as annexes to this note.

4. All parties concerned are advised to take note of the amendments and revised guidelines.

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