IMO Circulars Pertaining to MARPOL Annex I

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

Summary

This Note informs that MEPC of IMO at its 62nd session has adopted five circulars pertaining to MARPOL Annex I.

1. On 25 August 2011, the IMO issued the following circulars to promulgate the latest Guidance, Guidelines or Unified Interpretations adopted by MEPC pertaining to MARPOL Annex I:

   i. MEPC.1/Circ. 736/Rev. 1 - “Guidance for Recording of Operations in the Oil Record Book Part I – Machinery Space Operations (all ships)”;

   ii. MEPC.1/Circ. 753 - “Amendments to Unified Interpretation to Regulation 12.2 of MARPOL Annex I”;

   iii. MEPC.1/Circ. 754 - “List of Unified Interpretations of the MARPOL Convention since MEPC 45”;

   iv. MEPC.1/Circ. 759 - “Guidelines for a Shipboard Oily Waste Pollution Prevention Plan”; and

   v. MEPC.1/Circ. 760 - “Amendments to the 2008 Revised Guidelines for Systems for Handling Oily Wastes in Machinery Spaces of Ships Incorporating Guidance Notes for an Integrated Bilge Water Treatment System (IBTS) (MEPC.1/Circ.642, as amended by MEPC.1/Circ.676)”.

2. These circulars can be found as annexes to this Note on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

3. All parties concerned are advised to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.
4. This Note also supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 31/2010 relevant to MEPC.1/Circ. 736 - “Guidance for Recording of Operations in the Oil Record Book Part I – Machinery Space Operations (all ships)”.

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