North American Ice Service – Iceberg Information and Services

To: Shipowners, Ship Operators, Masters and Officers

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Circular SN.1/Circ.305 which provides information relating to the North American Ice Service (NAIS).

1. At the request of the Government of the United States, the International Maritime Organization issued IMO Circular SN.1/Circ.305 to advise that the North American Ice Service (NAIS) provides year-round maritime safety information on iceberg and sea ice conditions in the vicinity of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and the east coast of Labrador, Canada.

2. The IMO Circular SN.1/Circ.305 can be found as attachment to this Note on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html). Shipowners, Ship Operators, Masters and Officers are invited to note the information provided in the above IMO Circular. Hong Kong registered ships are encouraged to report immediately any sightings of icebergs to the nearest Canadian Coast Guard MCTS Station or through INMARSAT using Service Code 42 (there is no charge when using this code) when navigating near or within the “estimated limits of all known ice”.

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