Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulations II-1/28 and II-1/29

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of SOLAS Regulation II-1/28 on means of going astern and Regulation II-1/29 on the fitting of steering gear.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 90th session in May 2012, approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1416 on unified interpretations of SOLAS Regulations II-1/28 and II-1/29. The unified interpretations should be used from 21 May 2012 when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS Regulations II-1/28 and II-1/29.

2. The details of the unified interpretations can be found as attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the unified interpretations and act accordingly.

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