Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulation II-2/21.4

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-2/21.4 on the assessment of passenger ship systems’ capabilities after a fire or flooding casualty.

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.1437 on unified interpretations of SOLAS Regulation II-2/21.4. The unified interpretations should be used as guidance when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS Regulation II-2/21.

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.

Marine Department
Multi-lateral Policy Division

28 June 2012