Revised Guidelines for the Design and Approval of Fixed Water-Based Fire-Fighting Systems for Ro-Ro Spaces and Special Category Spaces

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the Revised Guidelines for the Design and Approval of Fixed Water-Based Fire-fighting Systems for ro-ro spaces and special category spaces.

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.1430 to revise the Guidelines for the Design and Approval of Fixed Water-Based Fire-fighting Systems for ro-ro spaces and special category spaces.

2. This circular (MSC.1/Circ.1430) supersedes MSC.1/Circ.1272, except that fire and component tests previously conducted in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1272, remain valid for the approval of new systems. Existing fixed fire-extinguishing systems for special category spaces approved and installed based on resolution A.123(V) and MSC.1/Circ.1272 should be permitted to remain in service as long as they are serviceable.

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

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are requested to note and to apply the Revised Guidelines as appropriate when approving fixed water-based fire-fighting systems for ro-ro spaces and special category spaces on or after 21 May 2012.

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