Clarification of the Term “First Scheduled Dry-docking” as contained in SOLAS Regulation III/1.5, as amended by resolution MSC.317(89)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the clarification of the term “first scheduled dry-docking” as contained in SOLAS Regulation III/1.5, as amended by resolution MSC.317(89).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 90th session in May 2012, approved a clarification of the term “first scheduled dry-docking” as contained in SOLAS Regulation III/1.5, as amended by resolution MSC.317(89). The clarification as contained in the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1445 ensures a uniform approach towards the application of SOLAS Regulation III/1.5 concerning lifeboat on-load release mechanisms.

2. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1445 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as an attachment to this Note.

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders are required to note the clarification and act accordingly.

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