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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### Identification of Float-free Arrangements for Liferrafts

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies, Liferaft Manufacturers and Liferaft Servicing Stations*

#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the recommendation on marking the outside of the container of inflatable liferaft which uses internal or weak link systems for float-free arrangements. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 12/1997.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 68<sup>th</sup> session in May 1997, approved the recommendation as annexed to IMO circular MSC/Circ. 811 that inflatable liferafts using internal or weak link systems should be marked on the outside of the container with appropriate wording or pictograms indicating the system used for the float-free arrangement.
2. The circular MSC/Circ.811 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, liferaft manufacturers and liferaft servicing stations are urged to ensure that the recommendation is complied with.
4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 12/1997.

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