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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidelines on Engine-Room Oil Fuel Systems

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO circular MSC/Circ.851 regarding guidelines on engine-room oil fuel systems. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 24/1998.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 69th session in May 1998, approved a circular MSC/Circ.851 regarding guidelines on engine-room oil fuel systems.
2. The aim of circular MSC/Circ.851 is to minimize leakages from oil fuel systems and to supplement guidance contained in MSC/Circ.647. The circular also provides information and guidelines on the following issues of oil fuel systems:
 - i) causes of high pressure pulses in the fuel supply and spill systems;
 - ii) design considerations;
 - iii) importance of an accurate description of the interface between the various parties on fuel system design and installation; and
 - iv) maintenance and inspection procedures.
3. These two circulars (i.e. MSC/Circ.647 and MSC/Circ. 851) can be found as attachments 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 the guidelines and act accordingly.

5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 24/1998.

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