Guidelines on Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs)

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.849 regarding guidelines for the performance, location, use and care of emergency escape breathing devices (EEBDs). This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 39/1998.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 69th session in May 1998, approved a circular MSC/Circ.849 regarding guidelines for the performance, location, use and care of emergency escape breathing devices (EEBDs).

2. The circular MSC/Circ.849 can be found as attachments 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 requested to note the guidelines in MSC/Circ.849 and act accordingly.

4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 39/1998.

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