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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance for Ships transiting Archipelagic Waters

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Ship Masters*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidance for Ships transiting Archipelagic Waters. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 13/1999.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 70th session in December 1998, approved the “Guidance for ships transiting archipelagic waters” as annexed to IMO circular SN/Circ.206. The circular contains guidance for ships transiting archipelagic waters of the archipelagic States. Another circular SN/Circ.206/Corr.1 was issued on 1 March 1999 to replace annex page 3 to SN/Circ.206.
2. The circulars SN/Circ.206 and SN/Circ.206/Corr.1 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Note.
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and ship masters are requested to note the guidance and act accordingly.
4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 13/1999.

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