Guidelines on Shipowners’ Responsibilities in respect of Maritime Claims

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines on Shipowners’ Responsibilities in respect of Maritime Claims. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 5/2000.

1. The Assembly of the IMO, at its 21st session in November 1999, adopted by resolution A.898(21) the “Guidelines on shipowners’ responsibilities in respect of maritime claims”. The guidelines encourage shipowners to have effective insurance cover for their ships to ensure that claimants receive adequate compensation following incidents involving their ships.

2. The resolution A.898(21) 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 and ship masters are urged to comply with the guidelines. They should ensure that their ships have effective insurance cover and have on board a certificate issued by the insurer.

4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 5/2000.

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