Guidelines on Fatigue Mitigation and Management

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.1014 related to guidelines on fatigue mitigation and management. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 12/2001.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 71th session in May 1999, approved a circular MSC/Circ.1014 related to guidelines on fatigue mitigation and management.

2. The circular MSC/Circ.1014 can be found as attachments to this Note on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

3. The guidelines in the circular composed of 9 modules devoted to different parties such as ratings, ship's officers, master, training institutions, etc. Shipping companies are requested to ensure that the relevant modules are disseminated and explained to the applicable categories of crew members on their ships. Shipping companies may also wish to arrange translation of the applicable modules into the language that is easily understood by the crew members.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are strongly urged to take the issue of fatigue into account when developing, implementing and improving safety management systems under the ISM Code, and when determining minimum safe manning on their ships.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 12/2001.

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