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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

## Guidelines for Maintenance and Monitoring of On-board Materials Containing Asbestos

*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.1045 on guidelines for maintenance and monitoring of on-board materials containing asbestos. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 15/2002.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 75<sup>th</sup> session in May 2002, approved a circular MSC/Circ.1045 on guidelines for maintenance and monitoring of on-board materials containing asbestos.
2. The circular MSC/Circ.1045 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 circular MSC/Circ.1045 when dealing with asbestos on board ships, while they are in service for minimizing exposure of passengers, crew, maintenance personnel in port, etc. to asbestos fibres.
4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 15/2002.

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