Guidelines for the Installation of a Shipborne Automatic Identification System (AIS)

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines for the Installation of a Shipborne Automatic Identification System (AIS). This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 6/2003.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 76th session in December 2002, approved the “Guidelines for the installation of a shipborne Automatic Identification System (AIS)” as annexed to IMO circular SN/Circ.227. The guidelines describe good installation practices for AIS and cover AIS installation, bridge arrangement, dynamic data input, static information and long-range function.

2. The circular SN/Circ.227 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, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders are recommended to carefully study the guidelines and take them into account when installing AIS.

4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 6/2003.

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