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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Guidelines for Periodic Testing of Immersion Suit and Anti-exposure Suit Seams and Closures**

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Shore-based Maintenance Providers, Classification Societies, Ship Masters and Officers*

**Summary**

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines for Periodic Testing of Immersion Suit and Anti-exposure Suit Seams and Closures. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 21/2004.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 78<sup>th</sup> session in May 2004, approved the “Guidelines for period testing of immersion suit and anti-exposure suit seams and closures” as annexed to IMO circular MSC/Circ.1114.
2. The purpose of the guidelines is to recommend procedures for carrying out periodic testing of immersion suit and anti-exposure suit seams and closures. It is recognized by the IMO that shipboard inspections of immersion suits and anti-exposure suits carried out in accordance with SOLAS regulation III/20.7 and MSC/Circ.1047 may not be adequate to detect deterioration of seams and closures of the suits.
3. The circular MSC/Circ.1114 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department ( <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html> ) as an attachment to this Note.
4. Parties concerned are recommended to follow these guidelines when carrying out periodic testing of immersion suit and anti-exposure suit seams and closures.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 21/2004.

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