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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of the IBC and IGC Codes

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of the IBC and IGC Codes relating to cargo tank venting systems. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 25/2004.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 78th session in May 2004, approved a circular MSC/Circ.1116 on unified interpretations of the IBC and IGC Codes relating to cargo tank venting systems.
2. The circular MSC/Circ.1116 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 unified interpretations in MSC/Circ.1116 as guidance when applying relevant provisions of the IBC and IOC Codes for ships constructed on or after 1 July 2004.
4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 25/2004.

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