Harmonization of GMDSS Requirements for Radio Installations on board SOLAS Ships

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters and Officers

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines for the Harmonization of GMDSS Requirements for Radio Installations on board SOLAS Ships. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 35/2005.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 77th session in May 2003, approved the “Guidelines for the harmonization of GMDSS requirements for radio installations on board SOLAS ships” as annexed to COMSAR/Circ.32.

2. The guidelines were developed in order to provide administrations, shipowners and marine electronic companies with an unambiguous interpretation of the radio installation requirements in SOLAS Chapter IV, as amended, and adopted IMO resolutions. References are also made to IMO circulars, the STCW Convention and ITU Radio Regulations.

3. The circular COMSAR/Circ.32 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. Shipowners, ship Managers, ship operators, ship masters and officers are reminded to observe the guidelines.

5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 35/2005.

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