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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Recommended Means for Extracting Stored Data from Voyage Data Recorders (VDRs) and Simplified Voyage Data Recorders (S-VDRs) for Investigation Authorities

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters and VDR/S-VDR Manufacturers

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Recommended Means for Extracting Stored Data from Voyage Data Recorders (VDRs) and Simplified Voyage Data Recorders (S-VDRs) for Investigation Authorities. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 36/2005.

1. The Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) of the IMO, at its 51st session in June 2005, approved the “Recommended means for extracting stored data from voyage data recorders (VDRs) and simplified voyage data recorders (S-VDRs) for investigation authorities” as annexed to IMO circular SN/Circ.246.
2. The circular recommends that all VDR and S-VDR systems installed on or after 1 July 2006 be supplied with an accessible means for extracting data from the VDR or S-VDR to a computer for the use of the accident investigation authorities.
3. The circular SN/Circ.246 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 VDR/S-VDR manufacturers are invited to observe the recommendation.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 36/2005.

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