Interim Guidelines for the Testing, Approval and Maintenance of Evacuation Guidance Systems Used as an Alternative to Low-Location Lighting Systems

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the interim guidelines for the testing, approval and maintenance of evacuation guidance systems used as an alternative to low-location lighting systems. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 41/2005.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 80th session in May 2005, approved a circular MSC/Circ.1168 on the interim guidelines for the testing, approval and maintenance of evacuation guidance systems used as an alternative to low-location lighting systems.

2. The purpose of the interim guidelines is to provide standards for the testing, approval and maintenance for alternative systems to low-location lighting systems required by SOLAS Regulation II-2/13.3.2.5.1 and Chapter 11 of the International Code for Fire Safety Systems.

3. The circular MSC/Circ.1168 can be found as attachments to this Note on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are recommended to note this interim guidelines in MSC/Circ.1168 and act accordingly.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 41/2005.

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