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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and Fire Test Procedures Referred to in the FTP Code

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 SOLAS Chapter II-2 and fire test procedures as referred to in the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures (FTP Code). This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 39/2006.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 81st session in May 2006, approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1203 on unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and fire test procedures referred to in the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures (FTP Code).
2. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1203 can be found as attachments to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. The unified interpretations as contained in the attached MSC.1/Circ.1203 should be used as guidance when applying relevant provisions of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the fire test procedures as referred to in the FTP Code to fire protection construction, installation, arrangements and equipment to be installed on board ships on or after 19 May 2006.
4. 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.1/Circ.1203 and act accordingly.

5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 39/2006.

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