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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter V

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the revised unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapter V on Regulation V/22.1.6 – Navigation bridge visibility.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 91st session in November 2012, approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1350/Rev.1 on unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapter V. The revised unified interpretations provide more specific guidance for vague expressions such as “The ship’s side shall be visible from the bridge wing”, which are open to different interpretations contained in IMO instruments.
2. The details of the unified interpretations can be found as attachment 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 required to use the annexed unified interpretations as guidance when applying relevant provisions of SOLAS chapter V to ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2011.

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