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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of the Revised Performance Standards for Shipborne Voyage Data Recorders (VDRs)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the revised performance standards for shipborne voyage data recorders (VDRs).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 90th session in May 2012, adopted the “Revised performance standards for Shipborne Voyage Data Recorders (VDRs)” as annexed to IMO resolution MSC.333(90). The aim of the revision is to assist investigations into casualties.
2. The resolution MSC.333(90) can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as an attachment to this Note.
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters and classification societies are advised that VDRs shall:
 - (a) if installed on or after 1 July 2014, conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution MSC.333(90); and
 - (b) if installed before 1 July 2014, conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution A.861(20), as amended by resolution MSC.214(81).

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