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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 – Chapters II-1, III, V, VI, VII and XI-1

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.325(90) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to chapters II-1, III, V, VI, VII and XI-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, which will enter into force on 1 January 2014.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted Resolution MSC.325(90) on 24 May 2012 to amend SOLAS. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2014.
2. These amendments involve the following chapters of SOLAS:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.325(90)	II-1/8-1	System capabilities after a flooding casualty on passenger ships
	III/20	Operational readiness, maintenance and inspections
	V/14	Ship's manning
	VI/5-2	Prohibition of the blending of bulk liquid cargoes and production processes during sea voyages
	VII/4	Documents
	XI-1/2	Enhanced surveys

3. The details of these amendments can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

4. A table listing all the different sets of amendments to SOLAS adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 January 2014 is attached with this Note as Annex 1 for easy reference.

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