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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 – Annex II, Regulation 47 – Southern Winter Seasonal Zone

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.329(90) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Annex II, Regulation 47 of the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (hereinafter called “1988 Load Lines Protocol”). The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2014.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolution MSC.329(90) on 24 May 2012 to amend regulation 47 (Southern Winter Seasonal Zone) of Annex II – “Zones, areas and seasonal periods” to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2014. A corrigendum (MSC 90/28/Add.1/Rev.1/Corr.1) was issued by IMO on 4 January 2013 notifying that the text of regulation 47 as annex to resolution MSC.329(90) was required to be replaced.
2. The details of the Resolution MSC.329(90) and the Corrigendum (MSC 90/28/Add.1/Rev.1/Corr.1) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as an attachment to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.
3. A table listing out the different sets of amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines ever adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 January 2014 is attached as Annex 1 to this Note for easy reference.

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