Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapters II-1 and XII relating to the Technical Provisions for Means of Access for Inspections and the Performance Standards for Water Level Detectors on Bulk Carriers

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 Chapters II-1 and XII relating to the Technical provisions for means of access for inspections and the Performance standards for water level detectors on bulk carriers. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 55/2006.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 92nd session in June 2013, approved the unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapters II-1 and XII relating to the Technical provisions for means of access for inspections and of the Performance standards for water level detectors on bulk carriers. The unified interpretations should be used when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS Chapters II-1 and XII.

2. The details of the unified interpretations as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1464 can be found in the 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 should note the unified interpretations and act accordingly.

4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 55/2006.

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