Guidelines for Verification of Damage Stability Requirements for Tankers

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 92nd session in June 2013, approved the “Guidelines for Verification of Damage Stability Requirements for Tankers”. The Guidelines consist of the following two parts:-

   (i) Part 1: Guidelines for preparation and approval of tanker damage stability calculations. This part applies to oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carrier constructed on or after 14 June 2013.

   (ii) Part 2: Guidelines for operation and demonstration of damage stability compliance. This part applies to all oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers.

2. The details of the guidelines as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1461 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 are required to apply the guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers accordingly.

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