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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidelines for the approval of alternatives and equivalents as provided for in various IMO Instruments

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the guidelines for the approval of alternatives and equivalents as provided for in various IMO instruments.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 92nd session in June 2013, approved the “Guidelines for the approval of alternatives and equivalents as provided in various IMO instruments” as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1455. These guidelines aim at providing a consistent process for the coordination, review and approval of alternatives and equivalents with regard to ship and system design as allowed by the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, and other mandatory IMO instruments.
2. The details of these guidelines can be found as 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 advised to note these guidelines, as appropriate.

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