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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS and FTP Codes

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 Chapter II-2 and the FSS and FTP Codes, in providing more specific guidance for the application of the relevant requirements of Chapter II-2 of the SOLAS Convention and the FSS and FTP Codes.

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 Chapter II-2 and the FSS and FTP Codes. These unified interpretations aim at providing more specific guidance for the application of the relevant requirements of Chapter II-2 of the SOLAS Convention and the FSS and FTP Codes.
2. The details of these unified interpretations as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1456 and 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 use these unified interpretations as guidance for the application of the relevant requirements of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS and FTP Codes.

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