Unified Interpretations of the 2000 HSC Code

To: Hong Kong High-speed Craft Operators, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of Chapter 7 of the 2000 HSC Code, in providing more specific guidance on the application of the relevant requirements on matters related to fire safety.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 92nd session in June 2013, approved the unified interpretations of Chapter 7 of the 2000 HSC Code. These unified interpretations aim at providing more specific guidance on the application of the relevant requirements of the 2000 HSC Code, as amended by resolutions MSC.175(79) and MSC.222(82), on matters related to fire safety.

2. The details of these unified interpretations as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1457 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. Hong Kong high-speed craft operators, classification societies and shipbuilders are required to use these unified interpretations as guidance on the application of the relevant requirements of the 2000 HSC Code.

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