HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance on the Timing of Replacement of Existing Certificates by Revised Certificates as a Consequence of the Entry into Force of Amendments to Chapters 17 and 18 of the IBC Code

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the guidance on the timing of replacement of existing certificates by revised certificates as a consequence of the entry into force of amendments to Chapters 17 and 18 of the IBC Code.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) and the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at their 65th and 92nd sessions in May and June 2013 respectively, approved the “Guidance on the Timing of Replacement of Existing Certificates by Revised Certificates as a Consequence of the Entry into Force of Amendments to Chapters 17 and 18 of the IBC Code”.

2. The details of this Guidance as set out in IMO circular MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.7 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 and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are advised to note this Guidance for the replacement of existing certificates by revised certificates as a consequence of the entry into force of the amendments to the IBC Code.

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