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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation on Fall Preventer Devices (MSC.1/Circ.1392 and MSC.1/Circ.1327)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation on fall preventer devices (FPDs) (MSC.1/Circ.1392 and MSC.1/Circ.1327).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 92nd session in June 2013, approved the unified interpretation on fall preventer devices (MSC.1/Circ.1392 and MSC.1/Circ.1327). The unified interpretation provides guidance on the requirements for the strength and testing standards to be applied to FPDs.
2. The details of the unified interpretation as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1466 and the guidelines as annexed to IMO circulars MSC.1/Circ.1392 and MSC.1/Circ.1327 can be found in the attachments 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 the annexed unified interpretation when applying the provisions of MSC.1/Circ.1392 and MSC.1/Circ.1327.

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