HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance on the Validity of Radiocommunications Equipment Installed and Used on Ships

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

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1460 which provides guidance on the validity of radiocommunications equipment installed and used on ships.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 92nd session in June 2013, approved the “Guidance on the Validity of Radiocommunications Equipment Installed and Used on Ships”.

2. The guidance is issued for the reason that incompatibility may exist between radiocommunication equipment installed on ships, and in view of the revised frequencies and channelling arrangements for the maritime HF and VHF bands as contained in appendices 17 and 18 to the Radio Regulations (RR) – Edition 2012.

3. The details of the guidance as set out in IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1460 can be found in the attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the guidance and act accordingly.

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