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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and its Protocol 1978 and Protocol 1988

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

#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.338(91), MSC.343(91) and MSC.344(91) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to chapters II-1, II-2, III and Appendix of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 and its Protocol 1978 and Protocol 1988 which will enter into force on 1 July 2014.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolutions MSC.338(91), MSC.343(91) and MSC.344(91) on 30 November 2012 to amend SOLAS and its Protocol 1978 and Protocol 1988. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2014. A corrigendum (MSC 91/22/Add.1/Corr.1) was issued by IMO on 5 April 2013 notifying that there were typographical errors to the amendment as annexed to resolution MSC.338(91).

2. These amendments involve the following chapters of SOLAS:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.338(91)	II-1/3-12	Protection against noise
	II-2/1	Application
	II-2/9	Containment of fire
	II-2/10	Fire fighting
	II-2/15	Instructions, onboard training and drills
	II-2/20	Protection of vehicle, special category and ro-ro spaces

	III/17-1	Recovery of persons from the water
	Appendix	Certificates
MSC.343(91)	Appendix	Certificates
MSC.344(91)	Appendix	Certificates

3. The details of these amendments as annexed to IMO resolutions MSC.338(91), MSC.343(91), MSC.344(91) and the Corrigendum (MSC 91/22/Add.1/Corr.1) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

4. A table listing all the different sets of amendments to SOLAS adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 July 2014 is attached with this Note as Annex 1 for easy reference.

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