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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, As Amended – Annex I, Regulations 27(11) and 27(13)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.345(91) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Annex I, Regulations 27(11) and 27(13) of the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended (hereinafter called “1988 Load Lines Protocol”). The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2014.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolution MSC.345(91) on 30 November 2012 to amend regulation 27(11) (Initial condition of loading) and 27(13) (Condition of equilibrium) of Annex I – “Regulations for determining load lines” to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2014.
2. The details of the amendments to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol annexed to IMO resolution MSC.345(91) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as an attachment to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.
3. A table listing out the different sets of amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines ever adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 July 2014 is attached as Annex 1 to this Note for easy reference.

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