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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of Amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.339(91) and to advise the parties concerned the amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (hereinafter referred to as “the FSS Code”). 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.339(91) on 30 November 2012 to amend the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code). The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2014. A corrigendum (MSC 91/22/Add.1/Corr.2) was issued by IMO on 21 November 2013 notifying that there was editorial error to the amendments as annex to resolution MSC.339(91).
2. The resolution MSC.339(91) adopted numerous amendments relating to chapters 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 of the FSS Code which incorporated standards of engineering specifications for fire safety systems required by Chapter II of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended.
3. The details of the amendments to the FSS Code as annexed to IMO resolution MSC.339(91) and the Corrigendum (MSC 91/22/Add.1/Corr.2) 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 required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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