Amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.354(92) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code which will enter into force on 1 January 2015. The relevant amendments may be applied in whole or in part on a voluntary basis as from 1 January 2014.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolution MSC.354(92) on 21 June 2013 to amend the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2015. However, the amendments may be applied in whole or in part on a voluntary basis as from 1 January 2014.

2. The details of the amendments to the IMSBC Code as annexed to IMO resolution MSC.354(92) can be found on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as 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.

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