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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Information on Maritime Assistance Services (MAS)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate MSC.5/Circ.13, which updates information on Maritime Assistance Services (MAS).

1. The Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 23rd session adopted resolution A.950(23) on Maritime Assistance Services (MAS) on 5 December 2003. The resolution provides details of the MAS and the contact details of Governments of coastal States which provide MAS, so that shipmasters and other persons or organizations concerned can make contact as necessary.
2. On 31 January 2014, the IMO issued the circular MSC.5/Circ.13 which updates the information on the MAS. Circulars MSC.5/Circ.1 to 12 including their corrigenda are superseded.
3. The resolution A.950(23) and circular MSC.5/Circ.13 are attached to this Note for ready reference. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and ship masters of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of the above resolution and circular.

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