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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management (ISM) Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.353(92) to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Safety Management (ISM) Code (hereinafter referred to as “the ISM Code”) which will enter into force internationally on 1 January 2015.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolution MSC.353(92) on 21 June 2013 to amend the ISM Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2015. A corrigendum (MSC 92/26/Add.1/Corr.1) was issued by IMO on 26 November 2013 notifying that the relevant text in the Annex to resolution MSC.353(92) in paragraph 3 of the section titled “Footnotes and paragraph for foreword of the publication of the Code” was required to be modified.

2. The amendments to the Code are :

<u>Heading</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
6 Resources and Personnel	6.2
12 Company Verification, Review and Evaluation	12.2
Footnotes and paragraph for foreword of the publication of the Code	

3. The details of these amendments as annexed to IMO resolution MSC.353(92) and the Corrigendum (MSC 92/26/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 and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of the amendments and act accordingly.

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