Amendments to the Annex I of the MARPOL 73/78

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the IMO amendments to Annex I of the MARPOL 73/78 that will enter into force internationally on 1 October 2014 or later.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization at its 65th and 66th session has adopted the following resolutions in relation to amendments of Annex I of the MARPOL Convention: –

   (i) MEPC.235(65) -- Amendments to Form A and Form B of Supplements to the IOPP Certificate under MARPOL Annex I; and
   (ii) MEPC.248(66) -- Mandatory carriage requirements for a stability instrument.

   The first resolution will enter into force on 1 October 2014. The latter resolution is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2016.

2. The details of the related resolutions can be found from 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 note the amendments and act accordingly.

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