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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Regulation II-2/9.7.1.1 relating to flexible bellows of combustible materials

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-2/9.7.1.1 relating to flexible bellows of combustible materials.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 93rd session in May 2014, approved the unified interpretation on SOLAS regulation II-2/9.7.1.1, with a view to providing more specific guidance on flexible bellows of combustible materials. The unified interpretation as guidance should be used when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS regulation II-2/9.7.1.1 to ships constructed before 1 January 2016.
2. The details of the unified interpretation as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1480 can be found in the attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships should note the unified interpretation and act accordingly.

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