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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Provision of Information and Advice on the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak

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

Summary

This Note promulgates the actions taken by IMO in response to the outbreak of the ebola virus disease. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 32/2014.

1. The current ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak is believed to have begun in Guinea in December 2013. This outbreak now involves widespread and intense transmission in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, where over 3,000 people have so far died, and localized transmission in Nigeria, Spain and the United States. A separate and unrelated outbreak has also been reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
2. IMO has worked with ICS, CLIA and others, including ITF, to collect and collate information on any difficulties being encountered by ships and seafarers due to the EVD outbreak or repercussions arising from measures aimed at preventing its spread. This information has been provided to WHO for follow-up and action to be taken, as appropriate.
3. A dedicated section of the IMO public website has been established for the provision of information and advice on the EVD outbreak. The URL of this website is:
<http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/HotTopics/ebola/Pages/default.aspx>.
4. The website contains EVD related IMO circular letters, infographic, and related links to other international organizations (e.g., World Health Organization). A screen shot of the website is attached to this Note for ready reference. Updated information could be found under the “Related Documents” section located on top right side of the page.

5. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and masters of Hong Kong registered ships are requested to check the updated information from the above mentioned IMO website and adhere closely to the relevant IMO/WHO guidance available in the pursuit of their activities.

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