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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

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### Amendments to the MARPOL Annex III

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

#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MEPC.257(67) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the MARPOL Annex III. The amendment is expected to enter into force on 1 March 2016.

1. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 67<sup>th</sup> session in October 2014 adopted, by resolution MEPC.257(67), the amendments to MARPOL Annex III. The amendment is expected to enter into force on 1 March 2016.
2. The amendment is to ensure the exclusion of class 7 radioactive materials from the criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form.
3. The details of resolution MEPC.257(67) can be found on 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, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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