HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Annex VI to the MARPOL 73/78 and the NO\textsubscript{X} Technical Code 2008

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Annex VI of the MARPOL 73/78 that is expected to enter into force internationally on 1 September 2015 or later.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization at its 66\textsuperscript{th} and 67\textsuperscript{th} session has adopted the following resolutions in relation to amendments of Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention:

   (i) MEPC.251(66) -- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI and the NO\textsubscript{X} Technical Code 2008; and

   (ii) MEPC.258 (67) -- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI.

The first resolution is expected to enter into force on 1 September 2015. The latter resolution is expected to enter into force on 1 March 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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