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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.365(93) to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to chapters II-1 and II-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended which will enter into force on 1 January 2016.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolutions MSC.365(93) on 22 May 2014 to amend SOLAS. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2016.
2. The amendments involve the following chapters of SOLAS:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.365(93)	II-1/29	Steering gear
	II-2/1	Application
	II-2/3	Definitions
	II-2/4	Probability of ignition
	II-2/9	Containment of fire
	II-2/10	Firefighting
	II-2/13	Means of escape
	II-2/16	Operations
	II-2/20	Protection of vehicle, special category and ro-ro spaces

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.365(93)	II-2/20-1	Requirements for vehicle carriers carrying motor vehicles with compressed hydrogen or natural gas in their tanks for their own propulsion as cargo (new regulation)

3. The details of these amendments as annexed to IMO resolution MSC.365 (93) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

5. A table listing all the different sets of amendments to SOLAS adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 January 2016 is attached with this Note as Annex 1 for easy reference.

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