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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments to the Annex I of the MARPOL 73/78**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to advise parties concerned of the IMO amendments to Annex I of the MARPOL 73/78 that is expected enter into force internationally on 1 January 2017.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization, at its 68th session, adopted the amendments to Regulation 12 of Annex I of the MARPOL Convention, by MEPC.266(68). The amendments are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2017.
2. The amendments have re-structured the provisions of regulation 12 of MARPOL Annex I related to tanks for oil residues (sludge) on the requirements for discharge connections and common piping arrangement to ensure oil residues are properly disposed of.
3. 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.
4. 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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