Guidelines for the Implementation of the Annex VI of the MARPOL 73/78

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

Summary

This Note informs that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO at its 68th session adopted new guidelines or amendments to guidelines for the implementation of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78.

1. On 15 May 2015, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO adopted the following documents for the implementation of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78:-

- Resolution MEPC.259(68) -- 2015 Guidelines for Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems. This Resolution supersedes the 2009 Guidelines on the same subject adopted by resolution MEPC.184(59);

- Resolution MEPC.260(68) -- Amendments to the 2011 Guidelines addressing additional aspects to the NOX Technical Code 2008 with regard to particular requirements related to marine diesel engines fitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Systems (Resolution MEPC.198(62));

- Resolution MEPC.261(68) -- Amendments to the 2014 Guidelines on Survey and Certification of the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) (Resolution MEPC.254(67));

- Resolution MEPC.262(68) -- Amendments to the 2013 Interim Guidelines for determining minimum propulsion power to maintain the manoeuvrability of ships in adverse conditions (Resolution MEPC.232(65)), as amended by Resolution MEPC.255(67));
2. The relevant documents are annexed to this Note and can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

3. All parties concerned are advised to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

4. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 3/2010 related to exhaust gas cleaning systems is hereby revoked.

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