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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) and the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (GC Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.370(93) and MSC.377(93) as well as to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) and the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (GC Code) respectively which will enter into force on 1 January 2016.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolutions MSC.370(93) and MSC.377(93) on 22 May 2014 to amend the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) and the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (GC Code) respectively. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2016.
2. As regards the resolution MSC.370(93), the amendments to IGC Code aim to fully revise and update the existing IGC Code. The Code will apply to new gas tankers constructed (keel laid) from 1 July 2016, although the revised code will enter into force on 1 January 2016.
3. With regard to the resolution MSC.377(93), the amendments to GC Code aim to require gas tankers to be fitted with a stability instrument capable of verifying compliance with the relevant intact and damage stability requirements. The amendments are applicable to existing gas tankers. Existing gas tankers will have to comply by the first renewal survey on or after 1 January 2016 but not later than 1 January 2021.

4. The resolutions MSC.370(93) and MSC.377(93) can be found as attachments to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).

5. 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.

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