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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of Regulation 36(6) of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of regulation 36(6) of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 with a view to providing more specific guidance on the application of regulation 36(6) in relation to continuous hatchways.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 95th session in June 2015 approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1508 on unified interpretations of regulation 36(6) of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 with a view to providing more specific guidance on the application of regulation 36(6) in relation to continuous hatchways.
2. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1508 as an attachment to this Note can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to use the unified interpretations as guidance when applying regulation 36(6) of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol.

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