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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation of the Guidelines for Safe Access to Tanker Bows (Resolution MSC.62(67))

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation of the Guidelines for Safe Access to Tanker Bows (Resolution MSC.62(67)).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 95th session in June 2015, approved the unified interpretation of the Guidelines for Safe Access to Tanker Bows (Resolution MSC.62(67)). The unified interpretation provides guidance to approve arrangements using Fibre Reinforce Plastic gratings for safe access to tanker bows on or after 5 June 2015.
2. The details of the unified interpretation annexed to the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1504 can be found as attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to use the annexed unified interpretation when applying the provisions of MSC.1/Circ.1504.

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