



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

IMO Circular – “Verification of the gross mass of packed containers – amendments to SOLAS regulation VI/2”

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO Circular Letter No.3624 to raise awareness of the upcoming requirement for the verification of the gross mass of packed containers. This note should be read in conjunction with MSIN No. 2/2016.

1. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) issued circular letter No.3624 on 10 February 2016 to urge Administrations to ensure effective implementation of the amended SOLAS regulation VI/2 with respect to the requirement for the verification of the gross mass of packed containers, as set out in the annex to resolution MSC.380(94).
2. The IMO Circular Letter No. 3624 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note. It contains an address to a dedicated IMO webpage where relevant information and guidelines related to this new requirement could be found.
3. The above-mentioned new requirement will be fully implemented in Hong Kong and on board Hong Kong registered ships on 1 July 2016. A master of a ship shall not load a packed container on the ship if the master or the terminal operator has not obtained the verified gross mass of the packed container.
4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and ship masters of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of this new requirement and act accordingly.

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