Implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation

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

Summary

This Note draws the attention of shipowners, ship managers, operators, masters and classification societies on the entry into force of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (“the Regulation”), Cap 413P on 1 July 2016. The existing Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation, Cap 413M, will be repealed accordingly.

1. To give effect to the latest amendments to the Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships in Hong Kong, a new piece of legislation, namely the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation, Cap 413P (“the Regulation”) will enter into force on 1 July 2016. The Regulation will replace the existing Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation, Cap 413M.

2. The amendments to MARPOL Annex VI which stipulates the requirements for controlling emissions from ships and energy efficiency have entered into force internationally since 1 July 2010. The requirements are applicable to all Hong Kong ships elsewhere and ships within Hong Kong waters. A table listing all adopted amendments to the Annex VI to the MARPOL since 2008 is attached as Appendix to this Note for easy reference.


4. Shipowners, ship managers, operators, masters and classification societies are required to note and comply with the requirements of the Regulation after it enters into force.

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