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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Extension of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 to Hong Kong

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

Summary

This information note draws the attention of Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders to the implementation of the new Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N).

1. This Information Note aims to inform the shipping industries that a new regulation, i.e. the Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N) (herein after referred to as the Regulation), will be enacted in Hong Kong. According to section 1 of the Regulation, the Secretary for Transport and Housing will appoint a day before the end of this year for the commencement of the new Regulation. Details of the Regulation can be found on the following website: <http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/home.htm>.*
2. The Regulation implements the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention) and prohibits the use of organotin compounds in anti-fouling systems of ships for the protection of marine environment. The Regulation applies to Hong Kong registered ships wherever they are and ships within the Hong Kong waters.
3. A Hong Kong ship of 400 gross tonnage or above that is engaged in international voyage must have on board a valid International Anti-Fouling System Certificate after the Regulation comes into operation. Shipowners are recommended to replace the Statement of Compliance issued under the AFS Convention by an International Anti-Fouling System Certificate from now on for their ships.
4. For enquiries, please contact the Senior Surveyor of Ships / Maritime Policy Branch at tel. no. 28524395 or by e-mail to "hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk".

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