



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (High Speed Craft) (Amendment) Regulation 2016

To : *Classification Societies, Hong Kong and Mainland China High-Speed Craft Operators*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned to the coming into force of the amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (High Speed Craft) Regulation, Cap. 369AW (the Regulation). The amendments will come into operation on 1 July 2016.

1. The Regulation governs the construction, equipment, operational and maintenance matters of high speed craft pursuant to IMO's 1994 International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft (1994 HSC Code). During the recent years, IMO has adopted amendments to the 1994 HSC Code after its implementation on 1 January 1996 and the 2000 International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft (2000 HSC Code) to require high speed craft built on or after 1 July 2002 to comply with more stringent construction practices. As such, the Regulation is amended to align with the latest requirements.
2. Particular attentions should be paid to new sections 3A, 3B and 3C added to the Regulation to provide that certain high speed craft must be built, equipped, operated and maintained in accordance with the 1994 HSC Code or the 2000 HSC Code. Please refer to the amendment regulation as attached to this information note as Annex for details. It could also be found in the following website of Marine Department:

<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>.
3. The amendments will come into operation on 1 July 2016.
4. Classification societies and Hong Kong and Mainland China High-Speed Craft Operators are required to take note and comply with the requirements of the amended regulation.

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