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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and its Protocol 1978 and Protocol 1988

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

#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.386(94), MSC.392(95), MSC.394(95) and MSC.395(95) to advise the parties concerned of the new chapter XIV, the amendments to chapters II-1, II-2 and Appendix of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 and its Protocol 1978 and Protocol 1988 which will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolution MSC.386(94) on 21 November 2014 and the resolutions MSC.392(95), MSC.394(95) and MSC.395(95) on 11 June 2015 to add a new chapter XIV and to amend chapters II-1, II-2 and Appendix of SOLAS and its Protocol 1978 and Protocol 1988. The new chapter and amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

2. The adopted resolutions involve the following chapters of SOLAS:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.386(94)	XIV	Safety measures for ships operating in polar waters
MSC.392(95)	II-1/2	IGF Code
		Low-flashpoint fuel
	II-1/55	Alternative design and arrangements
	II-1/56	Application for ships using low-flashpoint fuels
	II-1/57	Requirements for ships using low-flashpoint fuels
	II-2/4	Probability of ignition
	II-2/11	Structural integrity

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.392(95)	II-2/20	Protection of vehicle, special category and ro-ro spaces
	Appendix	Form of Safety Certificate for Passenger Ships
		Form of Safety Construction Certificate for Cargo Ships
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3. The details of these amendments as annexed to IMO resolutions MSC.386(94), MSC.392(95), MSC.394(95) and MSC.395(95) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

5. A table listing all the different sets of amendments to SOLAS adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 January 2017 is attached with this Note as Annex 1 for easy reference.

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