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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Emergency Response Procedures for ships carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS Guide)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the Emergency Response Procedures for ships carrying dangerous goods (EmS Guide).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 96th session in May 2016, approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1522, to amend the Emergency Response Procedures for ships carrying dangerous goods (EmS Guide) (MSC/Circ.1025, as amended by MSC.1/Circ.1025/Add.1, MSC.1/Circ.1262, MSC.1/Circ.1360, MSC.1/Circ.1438 and MSC.1/Circ.1476), which is consequential to the amendments (38-16) to the IMDG Code, as adopted by resolution MSC.406(96).
2. The details of the amendments can be found as attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and act accordingly, taking into account the voluntary application date of 1 January 2017 of amendment (38-16) of the IMDG Code pending its envisaged mandatory entry-into-force date of 1 January 2018.

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