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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Unified Interpretations on the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations on the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 with a view to facilitating global and consistent implementation of requirements concerning sill and coaming heights for openings on top of deckhouses and companionways of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 96<sup>th</sup> session in May 2016 approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1535 proclaiming the unified interpretations on the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 with a view to facilitating global and consistent implementation of requirements concerning sill and coaming heights for openings on top of deckhouses and companionways of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol.
2. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1535 as an attachment to this Note can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Shipowners, ship managers, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to apply the unified interpretations.

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