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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of the 1994 HSC Code and the 2000 HSC Code

To : *Hong Kong High-speed Craft Operators, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations for chapter 1 of the 1994 HSC Code and the 2000 HSC Code with a view to facilitating global and consistent implementation of the requirements on provisions as to the extinguishing mediums of the fixed firefighting system to be included in the determination of the lightweight of the ship.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 96th session in May 2016, issued two circulars MSC.1/Circ.1541 and MSC.1/Circ.1542 to proclaim the unified interpretations for chapter 1 of the 1994 HSC Code and the 2000 HSC Code respectively, with a view to facilitating global and consistent implementation of the requirements of the matters regarding the extinguishing mediums of the fixed firefighting system to be included in the determination of the lightweight of the ship.
2. The said IMO circulars MSC.1/Circ.1541 and MSC.1/Circ.1542 as attachments to this Note can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Hong Kong high-speed craft operators, classification societies and shipbuilders are required to adopt these unified interpretations when applying the relevant requirements of the 1994 HSC Code and the 2000 HSC Code.

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