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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Regulations III/6.4 and III/6.5 and Section 7.2 of the LSA Code

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation of SOLAS regulations III/6.4 and III/6.5 and section 7.2 of the International Life-saving Appliance (LSA) Code in relation to the general emergency alarms and public address systems in ro-ro spaces.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 96th session in May 2016, approved the unified interpretation of SOLAS regulations III/6.4 and III/6.5 and section 7.2 of the LSA Code, with a view to providing more specific guidance on general emergency alarms and public address systems in ro-ro spaces.
2. The details of the unified interpretation as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1530 can be found in the 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, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to use the annexed unified interpretation as guidance when applying SOLAS regulations III/6.4 and III/6.5 and section 7.2 of the LSA Code.

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