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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-1**

*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 chapter II-1, in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of the requirements of SOLAS chapter II-1 containing Regulation 2.21 as to the definition of the term “Lightweight”; Regulation 3-2 as for the protective coatings; and Regulation 7-2 regarding the calculation of the factor  $s_i$ .

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 96<sup>th</sup> session in May 2016, approved the unified interpretation of SOLAS chapter II-1, in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of the requirements of SOLAS chapter II-1 incorporating Regulation 2.21 as to the extinguishing mediums of the fixed firefighting system to be included in the determination of the lightweight of the ship; Regulation 3-2 as for the protective coatings; and Regulation 7-2 regarding the calculation of the factor  $s_i$ .
2. The details of the unified interpretation as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1539 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 should apply the unified interpretation.

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