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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Due Diligence Checklist in Identifying Providers of CTU-Related Services

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Due Diligence Checklist in Identifying Providers of CTU-related Services, which is intended to serve as a guide to what companies causing CTUs to be transported in maritime traffic should consider when selecting a provider of CTU-related services.

1. The 2014 IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code), jointly developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), outlines various parties' roles and responsibilities as to the packing, storage, handling and transports of CTUs. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 94th session in November 2014, agreed to publish the CTU Code by means of an MSC circular and MSC.1/Circ. 1497 was issued on 16 December 2014.
2. In conjunction with the CTU Code, the *Informative material related to the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code)* (MSC.1/Circ.1498) provides practical guidance and background information on the packing of cargo transport units. Even though it is referenced in the CTU Code, it does not constitute part of the CTU Code.
3. In May 2016, the MSC of IMO at its 96th session, approved the Due Diligence Checklist in Identifying Providers of CTU-related Services (MSC.1/Circ. 1531).

4. The said IMO circulars MSC.1/Circ.1497, MSC.1/Circ.1498 and MSC.1/Circ.1531 as attachments to this Note can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).

5. Shipowners, ship managers, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to regard the due diligence checklist as a guide in the process of selecting a provider of CTU-related services.

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