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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation relating to The International Grain Code

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation relating to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code), in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of requirements concerning the angle of down-flooding of the International Grain Code.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 96th session in May 2016 approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1538 on the unified interpretation relating to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code), in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of specific requirements concerning the calculation of the angle at which openings unable or incapable of being closed weathertight for the effective operation of the ship.
2. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1538 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 use the unified interpretation on determination of the angle of down-flooding of the International Grain Code.

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