Amendments to MARPOL Annex I (Form B of the Supplement to the IOPP Certificate) and Annex V (HME substances and Garbage Record Book)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the MARPOL Annex I and Annex V amendments adopted in MEPC 70.

1. The IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee adopted the Resolution MEPC.276(70) and MEPC.277(70) in October 2016 for amendments to Annex I and Annex V of MARPOL Convention respectively.

2. Resolution MEPC.276(70) purely amended the Form B of the Supplement to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and no new requirement was introduced under this amendment.

3. Resolution MEPC.277(70) amended the MARPOL Annex V. The Criteria for the classification of solid bulk cargoes as Harmful to the Marine Environment (HME) is given in the new Appendix I and the shipper shall declare whether or not the cargoes are HME. The garbage record book is revised accordingly.

4. Amendments in these 2 resolutions shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2017 and will enter into force on 1 March 2018. These 2 resolutions are annexed to this Note and can be found on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

5. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note this amendment and act accordingly.

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