Guidelines and Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform the parties concerned of the guidelines and amendments adopted by the 71st Session of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC 71) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to MARPOL Annex VI.

1. On 7 July 2017, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 71st Session adopted the following resolutions in relation to the guidelines and amendments to MARPOL Annex VI.

- Resolution MEPC.286(71) – Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI in respect of the designation of the Baltic Sea and the North Sea as an emission control areas for NOx Tier III control. The amendments will enter into force on 1st January 2019.

- Resolution MEPC.291(71) – 2017 Guidelines addressing additional aspect of the NOx Technical Code 2008 with regard to particular requirements related to marine diesel engines fitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Systems. The 2011 Guidelines adopted by resolution MEPC.198(62) and amended by resolution MEPC.260(68) were superseded by this resolution.

- Resolution MEPC.292(71) – 2017 Guidelines for administration verification of ship fuel oil consumption data.

- Resolution MEPC.293(71) – 2017 Guidelines for the development and management of the IMO ship fuel oil consumption database.
2. Details of the related resolutions can be found on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachments to this Information Note.

3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

4. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Chief, Maritime Policy of the Multi-lateral Policy Division, Marine Department at telephone number (852) 2852 4603 or by fax at (852) 2542 4841.

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