Guidance on the Requirements of the STCW Convention, 1978, as Amended

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned to the clarifications stipulated in STCW.7/Circ.24/Rev.1 on the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention. This Note supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 11/2017 issued on 25 May 2017.

1. The Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping of the International Maritime Organization, at its fourth session in February 2017, noted the urgent need for some clarifications on the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, and prepared clarification on a number of issues in an interim Guidance by a circular, STCW.7/Circ.24, issued on 6 February 2017. This circular was superseded by STCW.7/Circ.24/Rev.1 on 16 June 2017. The interim Guidance, as set out in the annex of the circular, becomes the Guidance in the revised circular.

2. The Guidance contains clarifications on issues of provision of documentation for verification, references to the STCW Convention, training and documentation requirements for ECDIS, and provisions of regulations II/5, III/5, III/6 and III/7 of the STCW Convention.

3. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 11/2017 issued on 25 May 2017 is hereby superseded.

4. Details of the Guidance (STCW.7/Circ.24/Rev.1) can be found in the attachment to this Note 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 required to take note of this arrangement.

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