**HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE**

**Guidance on best practice for fuel oil purchasers/users for assuring the quality of fuel oil used on board ships**

*To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Local Suppliers of Fuel Oil for Ships*

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**Summary**

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the approval of the Guidance on best practice for fuel oil purchasers/users for assuring the quality of fuel oil used on board ships by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 72nd Session through Circular MEPC.1/Circ.875.

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1. On 26 April 2018, Circular MEPC.1/Circ.875 was issued in respect of the approval of the Guidance on best practice for fuel oil purchasers/users for assuring the quality of fuel oil used on board ships (the Guidance) by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 72nd session (9 to 13 April 2018).

2. The Guidance is intended to assist fuel oil purchasers/users for assuring the quality of fuel oil delivered to, and used on board ships, with respect to both compliance with the MARPOL requirements and the safe and efficient operation of the ship.

3. The Circular MEPC.1/Circ.875 can be found on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachment to this Note.

4. Any enquiries in relation to this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Senior Surveyor of the Maritime Policy Branch at telephone number 2852 4395 or by e-mail to “hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk”.

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