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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Entry into Force of regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI on Data Collection System for Fuel Oil Consumption

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI (Collection and reporting of ship fuel oil consumption data) adopted by resolution MEPC 278(70) which had entered into force on 1 March 2018. This Note supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 35/2017 issued on 11 December 2017.

1. On 28 October 2016, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolution MEPC 278(70) for implementing regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI (Collection and reporting of ship fuel oil consumption data) which had entered into force on 1 March 2018. The following Recognized Organizations (ROs) would be approved by this Department to verify the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) in compliance with regulation 22A.1 of MARPOL Annex VI, to transfer the data to IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database and to issue the "Statement of Compliance - Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting" to ensure any Hong Kong registered ships are in compliance with the said regulation:

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS);
- Bureau Veritas (BV);
- China Classification Society (CCS);
- DNV GL;
- Korean Register of Shipping (KR);
- Lloyd's Register (LR);
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK);
- RINA S.p.A. (RINA); and
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS).

2. To align with the requirements of regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI, ROs (not limited to their classed ships) would verify that the SEEMP shall include a description of the methodology that will be used to collect the data required by regulation 22A.1 of MARPOL Annex VI and the processes that will be used to report the data to the RO that verifies the SEEMP part II for a Hong Kong registered ship to which regulation 22A applies. This shall be done prior to collecting data under regulation 22A to ensure the methodology and processes are in place prior to the commencement of the ship's first reporting period. Early submission of SEEMP part II to the RO by 1 September 2018¹ is encouraged so that the verification of the ship fuel oil consumption data collection plan can be completed timely. Upon verification of the SEEMP, ROs would provide Confirmation of Compliance (CoC) that shall be retained on board.

3. For Hong Kong registered ship to which regulation 22A applies, ship fuel oil consumption data shall be collected according to the methodology included in the SEEMP from calendar year 2019 and each subsequent calendar year or portion thereof. At the end of each calendar year, the ship shall aggregate the data collected in that calendar year or portion thereof, as appropriate. Within three months after the end of each calendar year, the ship shall report to the RO that issues the CoC.

4. Upon receipt of the reported data, the RO that issues the CoC should determine whether the data has been reported in accordance with regulation 22A and, if so, issue a "Statement of Compliance - Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting" to the Hong Kong registered ship no later than five months from the beginning of the calendar year. The RO should transfer the data to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database no later than one month after issuing the "Statements of Compliance – Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting" of these ships.

5. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is currently preparing necessary legislation for implementing the regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI. Meanwhile, to avoid unnecessary delay at ports, all Hong Kong registered ships to which regulation 22A applies are required to ensure their compliance with the said regulation where applicable.

6. Any enquiries on 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".

7. The Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 35/2017 is hereby superseded.

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¹ Refer to MEPC.1/Cir.876