HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

The exemptible clauses in accordance with the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft for Hong Kong registered high speed craft engaged in cross-boundary voyages

To: Cross-boundary High Speed Craft Operators

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the High Speed Craft Operators on the revised exemptible clauses in accordance with the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft (HSC Code) 1994 and 2000 for Hong Kong registered high speed craft engaged in cross-boundary voyages. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note (MSIN) No. 41/2016.

1. Marine Department has reviewed the requirements of 1994 HSC Code and 2000 HSC Code (the Codes). Considering the nature and operation mode, three clauses set out in the Codes that applicable to Hong Kong registered high speed crafts engaged in cross-boundary voyages are considered exemptible.

2. The three additional exemptible clauses are 8.6.2, 13.10.1 and 13.12.1 of the Codes relating to remote release of survival craft, night vision equipment and automatic pilot equipment respectively. The revised Hong Kong exemptible clauses in accordance with the Codes incorporating such additions are attached as Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively to this Note.


4. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 41/2016 is hereby superseded.

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