Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Prohibition on the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the adoption of the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI to prohibit the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for propulsion or operation on board a ship at the 73rd Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 73) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

1. The MEPC 73 adopted the resolution MEPC.305(73) on 26 October 2018 to amend regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI and the form of the Supplement to the International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) Certificate to prohibit the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship. The amendments are expected to be entered into force on 1 March 2020.

2. A copy of the aforementioned resolution can be found on the website of Marine Department (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachment to this Note.

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

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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