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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into Force of New and Amended Hong Kong Legislation Implementing SOLAS Chapter II-1 and II-2 Requirements

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned to ten (10) pieces of amended and two (2) pieces of new Hong Kong legislation, which implements the latest technical requirements in relation to (i) the construction and survey of ships and (ii) the fire safety requirements of ships stipulated in Chapter II-1 and II-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

1. To implement the latest requirements of SOLAS adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the following subsidiary regulations have been made under the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap.369) —

- (1) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction) (Ships Built Before 1 September 1984) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2018 (Amendment) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 369AL);
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built before 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369R);
- (3) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built on or after 1 September 1984) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369S);
- (4) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Survey) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369T);
- (5) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built before 25 May 1980) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369W);
- (6) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Appliances) (Ships Built on or after 25 May 1980 but before 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369X);

- (7) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built on or after 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369Y);
- (8) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction) (Ships Built before 1 September 1984) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369AL);
- (9) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built on or after 1 September 1984) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2018 (Cap.369AM);
- (10) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Subdivision and Damage Stability of Cargo Ships) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2018 (Cap. 369AT);
- (11) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Construction and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 369BD); and
- (12) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire-fighting Appliances and Fire Protection) Regulation (Cap.369BE).

The date of coming into force for regulation (1) above is set to be on 27 February 2019 whereas that for above listed regulations (2) to (12) is fixed to be on 1 March 2019.

2. Copies of the above-mentioned regulations can be found in the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as Annexes 1 to 12.

3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders are required to take note and comply with the requirements of these new and amended regulations.

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