Amendment to Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the amendment to the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P) (the Amendment Regulation) for incorporating the latest requirements of MARPOL Annex VI. The Amendment Regulation shall come into operation on 31 May 2019.

1. To reinforce the requirements on the emission standard of nitrogen oxides in Emission Control Areas (ECAs), as well as setting up a data collection system for fuel oil consumption of ships, the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P) has been amended to implement the latest requirements of MARPOL Annex VI, which were adopted by two IMO resolutions, namely MEPC.271(69) and MEPC.278(70) that came into force internationally in 2017 and 2018. The new requirements shall apply to all Hong Kong registered ocean going vessels (OGVs) wherever they are and all OGVs within Hong Kong waters. Details of the new requirements adopted by IMO can be summarised as follows:

   a) MEPC.271(69) – Requiring ships installed with marine diesel engines which are certified to both Tier II and Tier III emission standard, or which are certified to Tier II emission standard only and operating in NOx ECA to record the operational status of engines;

   b) MEPC.278(70) – A ship of 5000 gross tonnage or above engaged in international voyage must collect and report fuel oil consumption data for the issue of a Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting Compliance Statement, which must be kept on board the ship.

2. A copy of the amended Cap. 413P 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 provided in the documents 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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