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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into Force of a New Hong Kong Legislation Implementing SOLAS Chapter XIV and Polar Code 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 a piece of new Hong Kong legislation, which implements the latest requirements in Chapter XIV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) in relation to the safety measures for ships operating in polar waters. This regulation will come into operation on 31 May 2019.

1. To implement the latest requirements of SOLAS Chapter XIV adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a new subsidiary regulation Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Ships Operating in Polar Waters) Regulation (Cap. 369 BF) has been made under the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap.369). This regulation will come into operation on 31 May 2019.
2. Copy of the above mentioned regulation is attached to this information note as Annex 1. It could also be found in the website of Marine Department <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>.
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders are required to take note and comply with the requirements of this new regulation.

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