Amendments to the 2017 Guidelines addressing additional aspects of the NOx Technical Code 2008 with regard to particular requirements related to marine diesel engines fitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Systems (resolution MEPC.291(71))

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the amendments to the “2017 Guidelines addressing additional aspects of the NOx Technical Code 2008 with regard to particular requirements related to marine diesel engines fitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Systems (resolution MEPC.291(71))” (“the 2017 Guidelines”) adopted by the 74th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of International Maritime Organization (IMO)

1. On 17 May 2019, the MEPC at its 74th Session adopted resolution MEPC.313(74) to introduce amendments to the 2017 Guidelines.

2. The update to the 2017 Guidelines is in line with the amendments to the NOx Technical Code 2008 as adopted by MEPC by Resolution MEPC.317(74). The amendments to the 2017 Guidelines allow the procedures provided by either Scheme A or Scheme B to be used for the pre-certification of engine systems fitted with SCR.

3. A copy of resolution MEPC.313(74) can be found on the website of Marine Department (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachments to this Information Note.

4. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders are required to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.
5. 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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