Updated unified interpretation to MARPOL Annex VI

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the approval of the updated unified interpretation to MARPOL Annex VI by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 74th session through Circular MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.4.

1. On 21 May 2019, Circular MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.4 was issued in respect of the approval of the updated unified interpretation to MARPOL Annex VI by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 74th session.

2. The updated unified interpretation mainly clarifies the following:

   (a) regulation 13.2.2 of MARPOL Annex VI in relation to the time of the replacement or addition of an engine;

   (b) regulation 13.5.3 of MARPOL Annex VI in relation to the applicability of recording requirements to replacements engines (Tier II) subject to resolution MEPC.230(65));

   (c) regulation 14.1 of MARPOL Annex VI in relation to applying requirement of sulphur content of fuel oil to emergency equipment; and

   (d) regulation 16.9 of MARPOL Annex VI in relation to shipboard incinerators.

3. Copy of aforementioned Circular MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.4 can be found on the website of Marine Department (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachment to this Note.
4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies are advised to note the information 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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