Coming into Force of Hong Kong Legislation Implementing Amendments to Requirements of MARPOL Annex I

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413A) for incorporating the latest requirements of MARPOL Annex I by Resolution MEPC.266(68). The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2019 (the “Amendment Regulation”) will come into force on 1 January 2020.

1. The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413A) have been amended to implement the latest revised requirements on oil residuals (sludge) tanks and the disposal of oil residues (sludge) of MARPOL Annex I adopted by Resolution MEPC.266(68).

2. A copy of the Amendment Regulation can be found on the website of Marine Department (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachment to this Information Note.

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies are advised to note the information 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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