Amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.462(101) to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code which will enter into force on 1 January 2021. However, the relevant amendments may be applied in whole or in part on a voluntary basis as from 1 January 2020.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolution MSC.462(101) on 13 June 2019 to amend the IMSBC Code. The said amendments have been accepted on 1 July 2020 by tacit acceptance procedures.

2. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2021. However, the amendments may be applied in whole or in part on a voluntary basis as from 1 January 2020.

3. The details of these amendments as annexed to IMO resolution MSC.462(101) can be found on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachment to this Information Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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