Amendments to the Freight Containers (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 506)

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 Freight Containers (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 506) to implement the requirements of the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (the “Amendment Ordinance”) has come into force on 1 March 2021.

1. The Freight Containers (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 506) has been amended to implement the requirements of the CSC adopted by the IMO, relating to the manufacture, use and examination of freight containers and the marking and fixing of safety approval plates.

2. A copy of the Amendment Ordinance 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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