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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments to and Unified Interpretations of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code)**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC. 476(102) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code). The amendment will enter into force on 1 January 2024. This Note is also to promulgate the Unified Interpretations of the IGC Code as given in circular MSC.1/Circ.1625.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 102nd session adopted the resolution MSC. 476(102) on 11 November 2020 to amend the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code). The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024.
2. The resolution MSC. 476(102) adopted amendments to paragraph 6.5.3.5.1 (Welding procedure tests for cargo tanks and process pressure vessels) of the IGC Code so as to include tensile tests in welding procedures for materials other than aluminium alloys.
3. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1625 approved by MSC 102 provides unified interpretation of IGC Code as guidance when applying the relevant provisions of the IGC Code.
4. The resolution MSC. 476(102) and the circular MSC.1/Circ.1625 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

5. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to note the above.

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