Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 and the STCW Code

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Seafarers Training Institutions, Masters, Officers and Crew

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.486(103) and MSC.487(103) to advise parties concerned of the amendments to the STCW Convention and the STCW Code which will enter into force on 1 January 2023.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 103rd session adopted resolutions MSC.486(103) and MSC.487(103) on 13 May 2021 to amend the STCW Convention and STCW Code. The respective amendments added a new definition of “High-voltage” to the STCW Convention and revised the definition of “Operational level” in the STCW Code to include “electro-technical officer”.

2. Details of these amendments as annexed to IMO resolutions MSC.486(103) and MSC.487(103) can be found on the website of Marine Department (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachments to this Note.

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, seafarers training institutions, masters, officers and crew of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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