IMO Revised Guidelines for the Maintenance and Inspections of Fixed Carbon Dioxide Fire-extinguishing Systems

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

Summary

This Note draws attention to the Revised Guidelines for the maintenance and inspections of fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing systems approved by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in May 2021. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 39/2009.

1. IMO’s Maritime Safety Committee, at its 103rd session, approved the Revised Guidelines for the maintenance and inspections of fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing systems on 25 May 2021 for circulation as MSC.1/Circ.1318/Rev.1 (the Guidelines).

2. In order to address the need to clarify the hydrostatic testing regime for high-pressure CO2 cylinders and to align the relevant requirements in the Guidelines with those in the Revised guidelines for the maintenance and inspection of fire protection systems and appliances (MSC.1/Circ.1432), with a view to dissemination as MSC.1/Circ.1318/Rev.1, this circular supersedes MSC.1/Circ.1318.

3. The MSC.1/Circ.1318/Rev.1 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as an annex to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship masters, shipbuilders and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are advised to note these Guidelines and act accordingly.

5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 39/2009.

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