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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft,
HSC Code**

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.498(105) and MSC.499(105) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Chapter 8, Chapter 14 and Annex (Certificates) of the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft, 1994 HSC Code and 2000 HSC Code which will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 105th session adopted the resolutions MSC.498(105) and MSC.499(105) on 28 April 2022 to amend the 1994 HSC Code and 2000 HSC Code to reflect the rewritten Chapter IV of SOLAS, concerning the modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System ("GMDSS"). These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024.
2. The Resolutions contain a complete replacement text of Chapter 14 of the 2000 HSC Code, a relocation of provisions for life-saving appliance communication equipment (related to two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus and search and rescue locating devices) from Chapter 8 to Chapter 14, as well as the update of existing form of Safety Certificate for High Speed Craft including the associated 'Record of Equipment' for High Speed Craft Safety Certificate.
3. The details of IMO resolutions MSC.498(105) and MSC.499(105) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

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

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