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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

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

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the resolution MSC.523(106) adopted by the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") 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 2026.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee ("MSC") of the IMO at its 106th session adopted the resolution MSC.523(106) on 10 November 2022 to amend IGC Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

2. The resolution MSC.523(106) adopted amendments to Table 6.3 under the paragraph 6.4.1 (General requirements for metallic materials) of Chapter 6 of the IGC Code so as to confirm the acceptability of high manganese austenitic steel under the Code and to provide testing requirements for its use in cryogenic service.

3. The resolution MSC.523(106) can be found on the website of Marine Department (https://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 reminded to note the above amendments and act accordingly.

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