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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance on Alerting of Search and Rescue Authorities

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the revised Guidance on alerting of search and rescue authorities.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee ("MSC") of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO"), at its 106th session in November 2022, approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.892/Rev.1 with a view to providing guidance to ensure early notification of SAR authorities when involved in emergency situations.
2. It is essential to enable shore-based facilities to respond without delay to any situation which constitutes, or has the potential to constitute, a danger to life. This circular becomes effective on 1 January 2024, superseding MSC/Circ.892 as from that date.
3. The circular MSC.1/Circ.892/Rev.1 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 and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the guidance and act accordingly.

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