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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

NAVTEX Manual

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 NAVTEX Manual.

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.1403/Rev.2 with a view to providing the revised NAVTEX Manual.
2. This Manual describes the structure and operation of the NAVTEX service. It is intended primarily for use by national Administrations and others concerned with the preparation and broadcasting of MSI. It will also be of interest to seafarers, shipowners and others who need to receive such information in order to safely go about their business at sea. This revised NAVTEX Manual takes effect on 1 January 2023 and supersedes MSC.1/Circ.1403/Rev.1.
3. The circular MSC.1/ Circ.1403/Rev.2 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 manual and act accordingly.

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