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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Delays affecting the availability of new GMDSS equipment compliant with the revised performance standards set out in resolutions MSC.511(105), MSC.512(105) and MSC.513(105)**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1676 and to advise the parties concerned of the delay in developing relevant IEC standards, that there may not be GMDSS installations complying with the performance standards approved by MSC 105 for implementation on 1 January 2024.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 107th session has issued the circular MSC.1/Circ.1676 on 30 June 2023 to allow continued installation of GMDSS radio equipment (shipborne VHF radio installations, shipborne MF and MF/HF radio installations, and Inmarsat-C ship earth stations) complying with the existing standards (i.e. resolutions A.803(19) as amended, A.804(19) as amended, A.806(19) as amended and A.807(19) as amended) until 1 January 2028.
2. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1676 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
3. 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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