



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Interim Guidelines for the Safety of Ships using LPG Fuels

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the Interim Guidelines for the Safety of Ships using LPG Fuels.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 107th session in June 2023 approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1666, the *Interim Guidelines for the Safety of Ships using LPG Fuels*, to recognize the importance of providing criteria for the use of LPG fuels on board ships so as to provide at least the same level of safety and reliability as new and comparable conventional oil-fuelled main and auxiliary machinery installations.
2. These Interim Guidelines is to provide provisions for the arrangement, installation, control and monitoring of machinery, equipment and systems using LPG as fuel to minimize the risk to the ship, its crew and the environment, having regard to the nature of the fuels involved.
3. The Interim Guidelines, circular MSC.1/Circ.1666, 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 required to note the interim guidelines and act accordingly.

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