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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation of Requirements in the IGF Code for Fuel Preparation Rooms not Located on an Open Deck

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Unified Interpretation of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels (the “IGF Code”).

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 107th session in June 2023, approved the unified interpretation of the IGF Code to provide clarification on applying certain tank connection space requirements to the design of a fuel preparation room not located on an open deck in compliance with the IGF Code, section 5.8.
2. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1667 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 required to use this unified interpretation when applying the relevant provisions of the IGF Code.

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