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To: All Hong Kong Shipowners, Hong Kong Ship Managers and Hong Kong Ship Operators

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### IMO public consultation on reducing administrative requirements

1. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) is now conducting a six-month public consultation on reducing administrative requirement in maritime regulations and aims to identify unnecessary, disproportionate or obsolete regulatory requirements in IMO instruments. Detail information can be obtained from the following path: - <http://www.imo.org/OurWork/rab/Pages/default.aspx>
2. The consultation is open to everyone, including the general public. The intention is to gather data from a broad spectrum of stakeholders from which recommendations on how to alleviate administrative burdens can be developed. The IMO encourages shipowners and shipmanagers to take part in the consultation to assist in the identification of such requirements. The consultation process is being carried out through a dedicated website, which is accessible from the IMO website ( <http://www.imo.org/OurWork/rab> ). The consultation will run until 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.
3. After the consultation has been completed, a steering group established by the IMO Council will analyse the responses to identify those administrative requirements that are perceived as burdens, and will make recommendations to the Council as to how any such burdens should be addressed..

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