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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC. 482(103) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Chapter II-1 and III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended which will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 103rd session (MSC 103), adopted, inter alia, resolution MSC. 482(103) on 13 May 2021 in amending the SOLAS. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024. However, for SOLAS Chapter III Regulation 33.2 as amended by MSC.482(103), circular MSC.8/Circ.2 which was approved at MSC 103 stipulated that the amended SOLAS Chapter III Regulation 33.2 may be implemented earlier on a voluntary basis prior to the entry-into-force date of 1 January 2024.
2. Resolution MSC.482(103) introduces amendments to Chapter II-1 and Chapter III of SOLAS as summarized below, among others: -

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Part/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC. 482(103)	II-1/B-4/25-1	New requirements for the installation of water level detectors on multiple hold cargo ships other than bulk carriers and tankers, for which constructed on or after 1 January 2024.
MSC. 482(103)	III/B/33.2	Amendments to clarify that only davit-launched lifeboats will be subject to the requirement of demonstrating capability of launching and towing while the ship is making headway at speeds up to 5 knots in calm water.

3. Resolution MSC. 482(103) with details of the amendments and the pertinent IMO circular MSC.8/Circ.2 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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