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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, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.549(108) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Chapter II-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea ("SOLAS"), 1974, as amended which are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2028.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 108th session adopted the resolution MSC.549(108) on 23 May 2024 to amend SOLAS. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2028.
2. Main amendments to Chapter II-1 of SOLAS, amongst others, are extracted as follow: -

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Part/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.549(108)	II-1/A-1/3-4	New section 2 is added to extend the scope of the requirements for emergency towing arrangements fitted on new ships, constructed on or after 1 January 2028, other than tankers of not less than 20,000GT.

3. The details of IMO resolution MSC.549(108) can be found on the website of the Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/legislation/notices/msin/index.html>) as attachment to this Information Note.

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

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