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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code) – Fixed Fire detection and Fire Alarm Systems

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.555(108) and to advise the parties concerned the amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (the "FSS Code") relating to the fixed water-based fire-extinguishing system in Chapter 7 and linear heat detectors in Chapter 9 of the Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 108th session adopted the resolution MSC.555(108) on 23 May 2024 to amend the FSS Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.
2. The resolution MSC.555(108) amended Chapters 7 and 9 of the FSS Code including specification of fixed water-based fire-extinguishing system on ro-ro passenger ships having weather decks intended for the carriage of vehicles, and applicable test standards for heat detectors and linear heat detectors.
3. The details of IMO resolution MSC.555(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 reminded to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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