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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Dedicated Seawater Ballast Tanks in All Types of Ships and Double Side Skin Spaces of Bulk Carriers and Amendments to the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.557(108) and MSC.558(108) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Dedicated Seawater Ballast Tanks in All Types of Ships and Double Side Skin Spaces of Bulk Carriers (Resolution MSC.215(82), as amended) and the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers (Resolution MSC.288(87), as amended). The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolutions MSC.557(108) and MSC.558(108) on 23 May 2024 to amend the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Dedicated Seawater Ballast Tanks in All Types of Ships and Double Side Skin Spaces of Bulk Carriers and the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.
2. The amendments solely updated the name of the coating inspector certification (i.e. AMPP Certified Coatings Inspector instead of NACE Coating Inspector Level 2).
3. In line with these amendments, "Guidelines for maintenance and repair of protective coatings" and "Guidelines on procedures for in-service maintenance and repair of coating systems for cargo oil tanks of crude oil tankers" were respectively amended as MSC.1/Circ.1330/Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ.1399/Rev.1.

4. The details of resolutions MSC.557(108) and MSC.558(108) can be found on the website of the Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/legislation/notices/msin/index.html>) as attachments to this Information Note.

5. 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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