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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Revised Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS and FTP Codes

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Revised Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS and FTP Codes (MSC.1/Circ.1456/Rev.1), following amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/7.5.5 adopted by resolution MSC.550(108) with respect to the protection of accommodation and service spaces and control stations. This Note supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 40/2013 issued on 8 October 2013 and No. 24/2015 issued on 22 July 2015.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 108th session in May 2024, approved the circular MSC.1/Circ.1456/Rev.1, regarding amendments to the Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS and FTP Codes, following amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/7.5.5 adopted by resolution MSC.550(108) with respect to the protection of accommodation and service spaces and control stations.
2. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1456/Rev.1 supersedes MSC.1/Circ.1456 and MSC.1/Circ.1492 and the details of this circular 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.
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the revised unified interpretations and act accordingly.

4. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 40/2013 issued on 8 October 2013 and No. 24/2015 issued on 22 July 2015 are hereby superseded.

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