



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulation XV/5.1 and Paragraph 3.5 of Part 1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) on the Harmonization of the Industrial Personnel Safety Certificate with SOLAS Safety Certificates

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulation XV/5.1 and Paragraph 3.5 of Part 1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) on the Harmonization of the Industrial Personnel Safety Certificate with SOLAS Safety Certificates, with a view to providing more specific guidance on the initial and maintenance surveys as required in SOLAS regulations XV/3.2, 3.3 and 5.1, as given in circular MSC.1/Circ.1680.

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.1680 regarding the unified interpretation of SOLAS Regulation XV/5.1 and Paragraph 3.5 of Part 1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) on the Harmonization of the Industrial Personnel Safety Certificate with SOLAS Safety Certificates, clarifying how to harmonize the IP Safety Certificate with various SOLAS safety certificates when their validity or their endorsement differ.

2. The details of circular MSC.1/Circ.1680 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 unified interpretations and act accordingly.

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