



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations to MARPOL Annex VI

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned that the 81st session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) approved unified interpretations to regulations 2.2.15 and 2.2.18 of MARPOL Annex VI and disseminated by MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.9. MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.8 is revoked.

This Note supersedes the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 16/2024 issued on 16 January 2024.

1. The MEPC 81th session approved unified interpretations to regulations 2.2.15 and 2.2.18 of MAPROL Annex VI, and disseminated the updated consolidated version of *Unified interpretations to MARPOL Annex VI* by means of circular MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.9.
2. The new unified interpretations clarify:
 - (i) the definition of "heavy load carrier" within the definition of "general cargo ship"; and
 - (ii) the applicable dates for the different ship types for the calculation of the required EEDI under each EEDI Phase.
3. All existing unified interpretations to MARPOL Annex VI set out in MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.8 are incorporated into the consolidated text set out in MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.9.
4. The consolidated *Unified interpretations to MARPOL Annex VI* set out in the annex to MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.9 can be found on the website of Marine Department as attachment to this Information Note (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/legislation/notices/msin/index.html>).

5. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

6. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 16/2024 issued on 16 January 2024 is hereby superseded.

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