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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into Force of Hong Kong Legislation Prescribing Fee Payable for Issue of IP Safety Certificate

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Masters

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned to the amended Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 281F), which prescribe the fees payable for carrying out surveys and for issuing the IP Safety Certificate under the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel) Regulation (Cap. 369BG). The amendments to Cap. 281F will be effective on 6 December 2024.

1. The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel) Regulation (Cap. 369BG) was made and came into operation on 18 October 2024 to implement the new Chapter XV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea ("SOLAS") and the new International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel ("IP Code") adopted by IMO resolutions MSC.521(106) and MSC.527(106), which requires a Hong Kong ship to which Cap. 369BG applies to have an IP Safety Certificate issued as a result of the relevant survey (see MSIN 34/2024).
2. For the owner of a Hong Kong ship who wishes to apply for the survey to be carried out by a Government surveyor and/or an IP Safety Certificate to be issued by the Director of Marine, the application must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 281F).
3. In view of the commencement of operation of Cap. 369BG, Part II of the Schedule to Cap. 281F is amended to prescribe the fees payable for carrying out the surveys and for, among others, issuing the IP Safety Certificate, by making the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 ("Amendment Regulation") which will come into operation on 6 December 2024.

4. Details of the Amendment Regulation 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. Owners of Hong Kong ships may approach the respective Recognized Organizations for survey and certification in respect of IP Safety Certificate as an alternative.
6. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Masters are required to note this information and act accordingly.

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