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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the NO_x Technical Code 2008 (Certification of an Engine)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the NO_x Technical Code 2008 concerning the certification of an engine subject to substantial modification or being certified to a Tier to which the engine was not certified at the time of its installation, adopted by the 83rd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

1. The MEPC at its 83rd session adopted the amendments to the NO_x Technical Code 2008 by resolution MEPC.398(83) on 11 April 2025. The amendments will enter into force on 1 September 2026.
2. The NO_x Technical Code 2008 is amended to provide procedures for certification of an engine subject to substantial modification or being certified to a Tier to which the engine was not certified at the time of its installation, by adding a new section in Chapter 7 and a new flow chart in Appendix II.
3. For the application of the amended NO_x Technical Code 2008, the Guidance on the content of the Engine Emission test plan (“the Guidance”) was issued as MEPC.1/Circ.921 on 22 July 2025. The Engine Emission test plan referred to in paragraph 7.2.10 of the amended NO_x Technical Code 2008 should address the points covered in the Guidance.
4. Details of the amendments and the Guidance as set out in the annexes to resolution MEPC.398(83) and MEPC.1/Circ.921 respectively can be found on the website of 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, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

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