



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance related to Rescue Operations at Sea

To : Shipowners, Ship Manager, Operators, Masters and Officers

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform shipping community the guidance related to rescue operation at sea to ensure the safety and security of crews who may be involved in rescuing large numbers of persons at sea, as well as the people they rescue.

This Note supersedes the Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 29/2015 issued on 27 July 2015.

1. At the 95th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 95) held from 3 to 12 June 2015, the document MSC 95/21/1 (ICS) was publicised to introduce a guidance “Large Scale Rescue Operations At Sea: Guidance on ensuring the safety and security of seafarers and rescued persons”.
2. At the 110th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 110) held from 18 to 27 June 2025, MSC 110/INF.23 was publicised to introduce an updated version of the guidance “Rescue at Sea: A Guide to Principles and Practice in the Context of Refugees and Migrants Movements”.
3. The copy of the above two guidance are annexed to this Note and can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/legislation/notices/msin/index.html>).

4. All parties concerned are advised to note the information provided in the annexed documents and act accordingly.

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