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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

IMO Circulars related to the Implementation of ISM Code

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

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Circulars MSC.1/Circ. 1253, MSC-MEPC.7/Circ. 5 and MSC-MEPC.7/Circ. 6 which provide guidance related to the implementation of International Safety Management (ISM) Code.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Organization (IMO), at its 83rd session in October 2007, approved the following IMO Circulars with the objective to provide advice on the implementation of ISM Code:

IMO Circular	Description
<u>MSC.1/Circ.1253</u> - Shipboard Technical Operating and Maintenance Manuals	This circular provides guidance on the development of the shipboard technical operating and maintenance manual.
<u>MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5</u> – Guidelines for the operational implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by companies	This circular provides guidelines to assist shipping companies in effective and efficient operational implementation of the ISM Code.
<u>MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6</u> – Guidance on the qualifications, training and experience necessary for undertaking the role of the Designated Person under the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code	This circular provides guidance to shipping companies on the qualifications, training and experience for undertaking the role of Designated Person under the provisions of the ISM Code.

2. The details of these guidelines are stipulated in the aforementioned three Circulars, which are attached to this Note for ready reference. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of the guidance and act accordingly.

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