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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Specific Guidance on the Automatic Function Specified in the Performance Standards for a Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS)

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

Summary

This Note promulgates the specific guidance for implementing the performance standards for a BNWAS. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 77/2012.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-third session, with a view to providing more specific guidance on the automatic function specified in resolution MSC.128(75) – Performance standards for a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS), issued MSC circular MSC.1/Circ.1474 – Guidance on the BNWAS auto function.
2. According to this Guidance, as an interim measure and pending a revision of the performance standards for a BNWAS – (resolution MSC.128(75)), the automatic operational mode, if it is available, should not be used.
3. Both MSC.128(75) and MSC.1/Circ.1474 can be found in the attachments to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies should note the requirements and guidance as per stipulated in MSC.128(75) and MSC.1/Circ.1474 and act accordingly.

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