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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Coming into force of the Hong Kong legislation on the implementation of International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes On Board Ships (INF Code)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned on the commencement of a new piece of Hong Kong legislation, namely the Merchant Shipping Safety (INF Cargo) Regulation (“the Regulation”), Cap. 369BC, for the implementation of the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes On Board Ships (INF Code), which was adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at the 71st Session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC).

1. To implement the requirements of the INF Code, a new piece of Hong Kong legislation, namely the Merchant Shipping Safety (INF Cargo) Regulation (“the Regulation”), Cap. 369BC, will come into operation on 9 January 2019.
2. The Regulation is intended to regulate the carriage of packaged irradiated nuclear fuel, plutonium and high-level radioactive wastes, and is applicable to a Hong Kong ship carrying INF Cargo wherever it may be and non-Hong Kong ship within Hong Kong waters. The Regulation requires ships to comply with the INF Code when carrying the aforementioned items on board.
3. The details of the Regulation can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as annex to this Note.
4. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are required to note and comply with the requirements of the Regulation.

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