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(Miscellaneous Information)

Publication of Maritime Security Levels

At the Diplomatic Conference on 17 December 2002, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted amendments to the International Convention of Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the associated International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code on measures required to enhance maritime security. These amendments and the ISPS Code will be applicable to ships engaged on international voyages and port facilities directly interfacing with such ships and will be implemented globally on 1 July 2004.

2. Pursuant to the ISPS Code, the Director of Marine of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has been appointed as the Designated Authority. In preparation for implementing the ISPS Code in Hong Kong, commencing from 1 June 2004, the Designated Authority will issue the maritime security levels for the port of Hong Kong and Hong Kong registered ships.

3. The maritime security levels will be published via the internet at the following URL :-

<http://marsec.mardep.gov.hk/marseclevels.html>

4. The attention of ship owners, masters, agents and port facility operators is drawn to the requirement of the ISPS Code that on 1 July 2004, ships and port facilities are required to act upon the maritime security levels in accordance to the measures set out in their security plans.

5. Further information on the implementation of the ISPS Code in Hong Kong is available on the Marine Department's maritime security web site at the following URL :-

<http://marsec.mardep.gov.hk/>

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