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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance on Voluntary Self-Assessment by Administrations and for Ship Security

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

Summary

The Note contains Guidance on voluntary self-assessment by Administrations and for ship security.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 81st session in May 2006, approved the MSC.1/Circ.1193 on *Guidance on Voluntary Self-assessment by Administrations and for Ship Security*. The Guidance provides:

- (i) in Appendix 1 : Voluntary self-assessment questionnaire for Administrations; and
- (ii) in Appendix 2 : Voluntary self-assessment tool for ship security.

2. The Voluntary self-assessment tool for ship security in Appendix 2 provides the tools to allow Company security officers, the ship security officers or the recognized security organizations authorized to approve or verify the ship security plan, review the status and effectiveness of the implementation and establish an overview of security of a ship or ships.

3. The Voluntary self-assessment tool for ship security is designed solely for use by ships in conducting internal voluntary self-assessments. It was agreed by Maritime Safety Committee that the Voluntary self-assessment tool for ship security is not a document that need to be requested or required to be produced during the exercise of Control pursuant to the provisions of SOLAS regulation I/19 or of control and compliance measures pursuant to the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.

4. A copy of the MSC.1/Circ.1193 can be found on the website of the Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk>) as an attachment to this Note.

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