



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Extension of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 to Hong Kong

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

Summary

This information note draws the attention of Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders to the implementation of the new Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N).

1. This Information Note aims to inform the shipping industries that a new regulation, i.e. the Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N) (herein after referred to as the Regulation), will be enacted in Hong Kong. According to section 1 of the Regulation, the Secretary for Transport and Housing will appoint a day before the end of this year for the commencement of the new Regulation. Details of the Regulation can be found on the following website: <http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/home.htm>.
2. The Regulation implements the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention) and prohibits the use of organotin compounds in anti-fouling systems of ships for the protection of marine environment. The Regulation applies to Hong Kong registered ships wherever they are and ships within the Hong Kong waters.
3. A Hong Kong ship of 400 gross tonnage or above that is engaged in international voyage must have on board a valid International Anti-Fouling System Certificate after the Regulation comes into operation. Shipowners are recommended to replace the Statement of Compliance issued under the AFS Convention by an International Anti-Fouling System Certificate from now on for their ships.
4. For enquiries, please contact the Senior Surveyor of Ships / Maritime Policy Branch at tel. no. 28524395 or by e-mail to "hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk".

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