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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Implementation of IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme**

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

**Summary**

This Note provides the implementation scheme of the Hong Kong Marine Department on the new SOLAS requirements regarding company and registered owner identification numbers, and urges the parties concerned to take early action for its implementation to ensure compliance by the due day.

1. In May 2005, IMO adopted resolution MSC.194(80) which amends :
  - (a) SOLAS XI-1/3-1 to the effect that the company identification number shall be inserted on the interim and full term Document of Compliance (DOC), Safety Management Certificate (SMC), and International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) when these certificates are issued or renewed on or after 1 January 2009; and
  - (b) SOLAS XI-1/5 to the effect that the company and registered owner identification numbers shall be inserted on the continuous synopsis record (CSR) when such document is issued or updated on or after 1 January 2009.
2. IMO also adopted resolutions MSC.195(80) and MSC.196(80) to amend the format of interim and full term DOC, SMC and ISSC to include the company identification number on the certificates.
3. IMO Circular Letter No. 2554/Rev.1 was also issued on 7 February 2007 providing guidelines on how to apply for the company and registered owner identification numbers from the website of Lloyd's Register-Fairplay (LRF).

4. It is noted that many management companies and registered owners of Hong Kong ships have already obtained their identification numbers. For those who have not been assigned with the required numbers by LRF, they should follow the guidelines in the Circular Letter No. 2554/Rev.1 to obtain such numbers on or before 30 September 2008 in order to avoid congestion of application at late stage.

5. Recognized Organizations are requested to follow the new SOLAS requirements in paragraphs 1(a) and 2 above when issuing or renewing the concerned certificates for Hong Kong registered ships after obtaining the required identification numbers from the website of LRF or the management companies of the ships. To ensure that the requirements can be complied with by the due day without delay, Recognized Organizations are recommended to start the implementation in advance commencing from 1 October 2008.

6. This Department will exercise early implementation of the new SOLAS requirements in paragraph 1(b) above. From 1 October 2008 onwards, applications for CSR will be required to provide with the company and registered owner identification numbers. The CSR thus issued will be marked with those numbers.

7. IMO resolutions MSC.194(80), MSC.195(80) and MSC.196(80) and IMO Circular Letter No. 2554/Rev.1 can be found on the website of the Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk>) as an attachment to this Note. Owners, managers, operators and masters of Hong Kong registered ships and Recognized Organizations are required to act accordingly.

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