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To: CCS surveyors, Ship-builders, Ship-owners and Ship managers

Notice of Port Clearance procedures relating to Hong Kong registered Newbuildings in China's Mainland Ports

Hong Kong Marine Department (MD) promulgated "Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 7/2011", and informed the concerned parties such as ship-owners and so on that the Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (MSA) had come to an agreement with the MD to the processing of port clearance of new built Hong Kong registered ships that might have difficulties in producing the original "Certificate of Registry". The port clearance procedures are mainly as follows:

1. For some new building vessels which built in China's mainland and will be registered in Hong Kong, MSA has agreed with MD that MD will fax or email a copy of the "Certificate of Registry" directly to the concerned China Maritime Administration offices for processing port clearance for such new built vessels in lieu of the original "Certificate of Registry".
2. If the owners of the above vessels apply the appropriate MSA office for the processing of port clearance prior to obtaining the original "Certificate of Registry", the owners will inform MD of **the name and facsimile number or email address of such MSA office** after submitting application to them.
3. Upon completion of registration of the vessel, MD will send a copy of the "Certificate of Registry" directly by facsimile or by email address as provided by

the owner above to confirm the registration of the vessel in Hong Kong.

4. The concerned MSA office, on receipt of the required application documents and the transmission from MD, shall process the port clearance application.

In view of the above mentioned procedures requirements, CCS field surveyor may issue the relevant statutory certificates after satisfactorily verifying copy of “Certificate of Registry” transmitted by MD by facsimile or by email and completing the statutory surveys.

For the more details, please refer to the attachment. CCS branches are required to transfer this circular to the relevant ship-builders, ship-owners and ship managers located in the regions in charge.

Attachment: Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 7/2011