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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Issue of Medical Fitness Certificate

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Masters, Agents, Seafarers' Unions and Approved Medical Practitioners.

Summary

The purpose of this information note is to inform shipowners, ship managers, ship masters, agents, seafarers' unions and approved medical practitioners that, with effect from 1 December 2016, the contents of the medical fitness certificate issued to seafarers shall contain the minimum information and declarations as specified in the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Medical Examination) Regulation.

1. The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Medical Examination) (Amendment) Regulation ("the Regulation") has entered into force on 1 December 2016. Among others, the Regulation requires all seafarers working on board must be certified medically fit to perform their duties. This Note informs the concerned parties that medical fitness certificate issued after the enforcement date shall meet the requirements specified in the Regulation.
2. The Regulation stipulated that a medical examination certificate issued to a seafarer working on board must be in English and contain information and declarations specified in Schedule 2 of the Regulation.
3. It is advised that the medical fitness certificate in a format conformed to Appendix G of "*Guidelines on the Medical Examinations of Seafarers*", published by International Labour Organization and International Maritime Organization is considered in compliance with the Regulation. A copy of Appendix G is appended to this Note for reference.
4. A medical certificate issued in accordance with the requirements of Section A-I/9 of the STCW Code is also considered in compliance with the requirements of the Regulation.
5. Enquiries relating to this Note should be made to the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine Office on telephone no.: (+852) 2852 3063, fax no.: (+852) 2545 4669, or e-mail address: mmo_mdd@mardep.gov.hk.

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