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This circular is to inform shipowners, shipmanagers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2008 which came into operation on 1 January 2009.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2008 came into operation on 1 January 2009. These Regulations put into effect the amendments to the regulations annexed to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS 74) adopted by Resolutions MSC.194(80)

Annex 2 and MSC.216(82) Annex 2 in May 2005 and December 2006 respectively. (See Shipping Circular1No. 12 of 20071dated 4 June 2007).

2.The amendments primarily revise Parts A, B and B-1 of Chapter II-1 dealing with subdivision and stability of ships resulting in the re-structuring and re-organising of those parts. The amendments also bring about the change of prescribed subdivision and damaged stability criteria for passenger ships from deterministic criteria to probabilistic criteria. This is to harmonise with the prescribed probabilistic criteria for subdivision and damaged stability for cargo ships.

3.The re-structuring and re-organising of those parts in Chapter II-1 leads to consequential editorial change in references to regulation numbers in some regulations in Chapters II-2, VI, IX, XI-1, XI-2 and XII.

4.The significant changes brought about by the amendments are the

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