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MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY) (SUBDIVISION AND DAMAGE STABILITY OF CARGO SHIPS OVER 100 METRES IN LENGTH) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1999

(Made under section 107 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Economic Services by notice in the Gazette.

2. Title amended

The title to the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Subdivision and Damage Stability of Cargo Ships over 100 Metres in Length) Regulation (Cap. 369 sub. leg.) is amended by repealing 'OVER 100 METRES IN LENGTH'.

3. Application

Section 2(1) is repealed and the following substituted---

'(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation shall apply to any seagoing cargo ship registered in Hong Kong which is---

(a) over 100 metres in subdivision length and constructed on or after 1 February 1992; and

(b) 80 metres in subdivision length and upwards but not exceeding 100 metres in subdivision length and constructed on or after 1 July 1998.'

4. Schedule amended

The Schedule is amended, in Part I, by repealing paragraph 2 and substituting---

'2. The degree of subdivision to be provided shall be determined by the required subdivision index 'R', as follows---

(a) for ships over 100 metres in Ls:

$$R = (0.002 + 0.0009Ls)^{1/3},$$

where 'Ls' is in metres; and

(b) for ships of 80 metres in Ls and upwards but not exceeding 100 metres in Ls:

$$Ls \quad Ro$$

$$R = 1 - \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Ls - Ro}{100}} \right],$$

where 'Ro' is the value R as calculated in accordance with the formula in subparagraph (a).'

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Secretary for Economic Services

14 April 1999

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this Regulation is to amend the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Subdivision and Damage Stability of Cargo Ships over 100 Metres in Length) Regulation (Cap. 369 sub. leg.) in order to give effect to the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 made on 4 June 1996.