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Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Musters and Training) Regulations (Repeal) Regulation

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 99 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 September 2017.

2. Repeal

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Musters and Training) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AI) are repealed.

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Explanatory Note

Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed in London on 1 November 1974 (*Convention*) as amended from time to time and applicable to Hong Kong contains updated technical requirements for lifesaving appliances and arrangements, musters and training.

- 2. Chapter III of the Convention is currently implemented in Hong Kong by 2 Regulations, namely—
 - (a) the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulation (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AY) (*Life-saving Regulation*); and
 - (b) the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Musters and Training) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AI) (*Musters Regulations*).
- 3. The Life-saving Regulation contains requirements on the provision of life-saving appliances and arrangements on board a ship. The Musters Regulations contain requirements on musters, emergency instructions and training, and drills to be carried out on a ship. The latest requirements of Chapter III of the Convention will be implemented by amending the Life-saving Regulation and by incorporating into it the contents of the Musters Regulations. This Regulation repeals the Musters Regulations in view of the proposed amendments.