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**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS CODE
IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT 29 OF 1998**

The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization adopted Amendment No. 29-1998 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) at its sixty-ninth session in May 1998. The IMDG Code Amendment No. 29-1998 will enter into force on 1 January 1999, with a six-month transitional period until 1 July 1999.

2. The purpose of the Amendment is to keep the IMDG Code harmonized with the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and to update the Code with current findings and operational experience. The Amendment can be found in the web site of the Marine Department at "<http://www.info.gov.hk/mardep/msnotice>" under the MSN no. 45/1998.

3. Since the IMDG Code and its amendments have been enacted in the Hong Kong legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Safety)(Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulation, therefore the Amendment No. 29 of 1998 will also apply to Hong Kong registered ships on and after 1 January 1999, with a six-month transitional period, when they carry dangerous goods on board.

4. Any enquiry on this Merchant Shipping Notice should be directed to the Senior Surveyor (Engineering), Multi-lateral Policy Division, at Tel.: 2852 4605, Fax.: 2542 4841.

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