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Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certificates of Proficiency in Survival Craft, Rescue Boats and Fast Rescue Boats) Rules (Repeal) Rules

(Made by the Seafarers' Authority under section 74(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478))

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on 1 January 2017.

2. Repeal

The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certificates of Proficiency in Survival Craft, Rescue Boats and Fast Rescue Boats) Rules (Cap. 478 sub. leg. Z) are repealed.

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Explanatory Note

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (*Convention*) sets out a comprehensive set of global standards on the training and certification of seafarers and watchkeeping, in order to promote the safety of life and property at sea and the protection of the marine environment. The latest substantial amendments to the Convention were adopted by the International Conference on Training and Certification of Seafarers in Manila, the Philippines in 2010 (*Manila Amendments*) and are to be implemented by 1 January 2017. The Convention as revised by the Manila Amendments applies to Hong Kong.

2. The requirements relating to certification in survival craft, rescue boats and fast rescue boats under the Manila Amendments will be implemented by the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Safety, Security and Designated Duties Training) Regulation (*new Regulation*). These Rules repeal the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certificates of Proficiency in Survival Craft, Rescue Boats and Fast Rescue Boats) Rules (Cap. 478 sub. leg. Z) in view of the making of the new Regulation.