

Abstract

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IMO BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING THE HONG KONG CONVENTION FOR SHIP RECYCLING

Ship recycling became an important element in the shipping industry, as some countries depend on that element economically in order to make maximum use of the materials, substances and equipment coming out from demolition of ships. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) noticed that the ship scrap has harmful impact on the marine environment and human health in the form of noise and hazardous materials. Therefore, the first agreement for recycling appeared in 1989, namely BASEL Convention then the IMO adopted The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC) 2009. This convention developed a prior plan for the ship recycling process in order to protect people who work in that field and to issue certificates and inventories for the ships that will go through the recycling process. This paper will discuss The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships 2009, highlighting the main points required to perform safe recycling. In addition, the paper will analyze the economic benefits resulting from implementing and applying the convention to the Middle East area in a way that would make the recycling business harmless for human and the marine life cycle.