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To: All surveyors

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Subject: Statutory Certificates

Reference: Amendments to Certificates

1. New Regulations and Amendments Certificates

REGULATIONS

I. According to Resolution MSC.282(86) adopted June 5, 2009:

- Regulation 3-5/II-1 of Part A-1 of SOLAS, new installation of materials which contain asbestos is banned for all type of vessels;
- Regulation 35-1/II-1 of Part C-1 of SOLAS, bilge pumping arrangements for passenger and cargo ships is changed. Provisions for the drainage of closed vehicle and ro-ro spaces and special category spaces shall also comply with Regulation II-2/20.6.1.4 and II-2/20.6.1.5. (which include requirements for fixed fire-extinguishing systems);
- Regulation 19 of Chapter V of SOLAS, requirements for shipborne navigation systems and equipment are changed. An ECDIS is also accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of the regulation. Furthermore, ships on international voyages shall be fitted with ECDIS, applicability depending on age of built and tonnage of vessel. Lastly BNWAS requirements are changed based again on the age of the vessel and tonnage, with some exceptions.

II. According to Resolution MEPC.187(59) adopted on July 17, 2009:

- All ships of 400 gross tonnage and above shall not have discharge connections to the bilge system, oily bilge water holding tanks, tank top or oily water separators. Furthermore, the oil residue (sludge) tanks must be provided with a designated pump for disposal that is capable of taking suction from them;
- Sections (A) to (H) of the Oil Record Book Part I and Section (J) of Part II are modified.

III. According to Resolution MEPC.186(59) adopted on July 17, 2009 a new chapter 8 is adopted which discusses requirements for the prevention of pollution during transfer of oil cargo between oil tankers at sea. This chapter is applicable to oil tankers that are 150 gross tonnage or more engaged in the transfer of oil cargo between oil tankers at sea and their STS operations conducted on or after 1 April 2012.

IV. According to Resolution MEPC.189(60) adopted on March 26, 2010 a new chapter 9 is added in MARPOL Annex 1. New chapter 9 includes special requirements for the use of carriage of oils in the Antarctic sea.

V. According to Resolution MEPC.190(60) adopted on March 26, 2010 of MARPOL Annex VI paragraphs 6 and 3 of regulations 13 and 14 respectively are amended. Moreover, Appendix VII is added for the North American Emission Control Area. The North American area is an emission

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control area (ECA) for the purpose of Regulation 13 (NOx) and Regulation 14 (SOx).

VI. According to Resolution MSC.304(87) adopted on May 14, 2010 some sections of the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code) have been modified. These sections include definitions, procedures between ships and shore prior to the ships' arrival, cargo loading and handling of ballast and guidelines for completing ship/shore safety check list.

VII. According to Resolution MSC.269(85) adopted on December 4, 2008 some amendments are implemented in Regulation 19 of SOLAS Chapter II-2 / Part G.

VIII. According to Resolution MSC. 256(84) adopted on May 16, 2008 all ships constructed before 1 July 2002, after 1 January 2010 fixed carbon dioxide fire extinguishing systems shall comply with the provisions of paragraph 2.2.2 of chapter 5 of the fire safety systems code.

CERTIFICATES

I. According to Resolution MSC.282(86) adopted on June 5, 2009 the following forms are changed in order to implement Bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS):

- Record of Equipment for the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (Form P);
- Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (Form E);
- Record of Equipment for the Nuclear Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (Form PNUC); and
- Record of Equipment for the Nuclear Cargo Ship Safety Certificate (Form CNUC).

II. According to Resolution MEPC.187(59) adopted on July 17, 2009 Section 3 of the Supplement of the IOPP Certificate, Forms A and B are modified.

III. According to Resolution MEPC.186(59) adopted on July 17, 2009 in the record of construction and equipment for oil tankers, form B, new section 8A is added.

NEW CONVENTIONS

According to MSC.268(85) the new International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code adopted December 4, 2008 is implemented. The new code provides information on the dangers associated with the shipment of certain types of solid bulk cargoes. Also, it includes instruction on the procedures to be adopted when the shipment of solid bulk cargoes is contemplated.

2. Amendments to Certificates and Entry into Force

GUIDELINES

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2. in cases where the ship has to comply with new requirements, the certificate (and its supplement, if any) is re-issued at the opportunity of the survey specified with the new requirements occurring after the date of entry into force of the amendments; and
3. where a ship is subjected to a modification or conversion which involves an additional survey, the certificate (and its supplement, if any) is re-issued.”

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This is applicable for all type of vessels independent on the year of build.

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