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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers and Classification Societies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Exemption Database System

Marine Department has developed an exemption/dispensation database system to monitor the status of all issued exemption/dispensation.

The purposes of setting up this monitoring system are mainly to provide information on the number of exemption/dispensation applications processed per month, the type of equipment being exempted most frequently and the rank of officers or crew being dispensed, etc.

The Cargo Ships Safety Section and Security & Quality Assurance Section can further make use of this database system to publish regular exemption/dispensation lists to provide information on the number and type of equipment being exempted most frequently. The Cargo Ships Safety Section and Security & Quality Assurance Section may also consider proposals or recommendations to promote the reliability of these most frequent exempted items.

To assist the Marine Department in monitoring the issued exemption/dispensation, the system will alert the management company by sending out an e-mail message, three days before the exemption/dispensation expired, and asked whether the exemption/dispensation are properly dealt with. The system will inform the management company again by an e-mail message, one day after the exemption/dispensation expired, and request confirmation on the status of the exemption/dispensation to avoid problems with PSC interventions.

If we have received confirmation from the management company that the exemption/dispensation is rectified, no e-mail message will be sent out. The database system is currently under final testing and will start operating in November 2015.

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Thank you for your kind attention to the above and should you have any query, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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