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To: Ship Owners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters

Dear Sir/Madam,

Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Emergency Systems and Procedures
From 1 September to 30 November 2019
In Tokyo and Paris MOU regions

The Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding (Tokyo MOU) region in conjunction with the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU) region will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Emergency Systems and Procedures from 1 September 2019 to 30 November 2019.

The purpose of this CIC is to ensure that :

- 1) ships are capable of responding appropriately and promptly to emergency situations in order to preserve human lives, protect the marine environment and minimize damages to ships;
- 2) necessary measures are taken by responsible stakeholders, such as shipping companies and ship managers having a direct influence on the safety of ships and by raising their awareness of the importance of ship emergency systems;
- 3) emergency systems installed on board can be properly operated and effectively managed in any emergency situations; and
- 4) master and crew of the ship understand their assigned roles and duties in case of emergency and enhance their familiarity with the situations so that they can act immediately when circumstances arise.

The CIC will be conducted in conjunction with regular port state control inspections. Each ship will be subjected to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign. Non-compliance with the issues highlighted in the CIC will lead to the issuance of deficiencies and in severe cases, detention of the vessel. The results of the campaign will be analysed and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of the MOUs for submission to the IMO.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 11 questions to assess that equipment provided onboard complies with the relevant Conventions, the master and officers are qualified and familiar with operations relating to shipboard emergency systems and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning. The questionnaire has been published on the website (<http://www.tokyo-mou.org>) of the Tokyo MOU.

In order to facilitate the masters, managers and owners of Hong Kong registered ships in preparation for the upcoming CIC, guidance for preparation of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Emergency System and Procedures is enclosed in Annex 1 for your reference. You are advised to distribute this circular letter and the guidance to your respective vessels and make sure that all the shipboard staffs are fully aware of the campaign.

Should you have any queries, please contact Senior Surveyor of the Cargo Ships Safety Section as follows:

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Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: Annex 1