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To: Ship Owners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters

Dear Sir/Madam,

Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Ship's Stability in General
From 1 September to 30 November 2021
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 Ship's Stability in general from 1 September to 30 November 2021.

The purpose of this CIC is to ensure that:

- 1) the ship staff are assessing the actual stability condition on completion of cargo operations before departure of the ship and on all stages of the voyage;
- 2) ship staff and ship owners aware about the importance of calculating the actual stability condition of the ship on completion of cargo operations and before departure of the ship;
- 3) the ship complies with intact stability requirements (and damage stability requirements, if applicable) under the relevant IMO instruments;

The CIC will be conducted in conjunction with regular port state control inspections. Each ship will be subject 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 8 questions to assess that ship's stability information provided onboard complies with the relevant Conventions, the master and officers should ensure that the ship has approved stability information onboard and adequate stability upon completion of cargo operations and before departure of the ship. 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 ship's stability in general 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