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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers and Classification Societies

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Updates of MARPOL Annex VI on Data Collection System for
Fuel Oil Consumption (IMO DCS)**

In accordance with the latest amendments to Chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI, adopted by resolution MEPC.278(70), starting from 1 January 2019, all ships of 5,000 GT and above engaged on international voyages shall collect data according to procedures, systems and responsibilities to be outlined in a Data Collection Plan (DCP) included in the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) Part II.

Pursuant to regulation 22.2 of MARPOL Annex VI, the SEEMP Part II shall include a description of the methodology that will be used to collect the data required by regulation 22A.1 of the Annex and the process that will be used to report the data in accordance with the 2016 Guidelines for the Development of a SEEMP adopted by Resolution MEPC.282 (70), and shall be reviewed by a Recognised Organisation (RO) nominated by the HKMD. "Confirmation of Compliance" is issued by the RO confirming the successful review of the DCS.

Under the amendments, ships are required to collect consumption data for each type of fuel oil they use, as well as other, additional, specified data including proxies for transport work. The aggregated data is reported to the RO after the end of each calendar year and the RO, having determined that the data has been reported in accordance with the requirements, issues a "Statement of Compliance" to the ship. ROs are required to subsequently transfer this data to an IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database. IMO will be required to produce an annual report to MEPC, summarizing the data collected.

The key deadlines for IMO DCS are as follows:

- **31 December 2018:** approval of the amended SEEMP Part II with issuance of "Confirmation of Compliance". Early submission of SEEMP Part II to the RO by 1 September 2018 is strongly recommended.
- **1 January 2019:** start of the first reporting period.

- **31 December 2019:** end of the first reporting period.
- **31 March 2020:** submission of the report on fuel oil consumption data related to the first reporting period.
- **31 May 2020:** “Statement of Compliance” related to fuel oil consumption to be kept on board.
- **June 2020 onwards:** annual submission of the aggregated and verified data to the IMO by RO in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI.

Hong Kong Marine Department (HKMD) accepts all nine Recognized Organizations (ROs) to carry out the relevant works, not limited to their classed ships. However, the whole IMO DCS process shall be carried out by the same RO, including issuance of the “Confirmation of Compliance” (CoC) after verification of ship’s SEEMP Part II, collecting & verifying data from ships, issuance the “Statement of Compliance” (SoC) and uploading the data to IMO.

For details please refer to IMO web page on DCS and Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 14/2018:

<http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/PollutionPrevention/AirPollution/Pages/Data-Collection-System.aspx>; and
<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/pdf/msin1814.pdf>

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