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**GUIDANCE ON THE TIMING OF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING
CERTIFICATES BY REVISED CERTIFICATES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 17 AND 18 OF THE IBC CODE**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its sixty-fifth session (13 to 17 May 2013) and the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-second session (12 to 21 June 2013) reviewed the matter of the replacement of an existing International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk ("certificate") by a revised certificate that is required to be issued as a consequence of amendments to chapters 17 and 18 of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

2 Both Committees agreed to approve the following guidance, which for the matter described in paragraph 1 above can be used in place of the provisions of MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.6, with regard to the replacement of an existing certificate by a revised certificate that is issued before the entry into force of amendments to the IBC Code:

- .1 the issuance of the revised certificate may be initiated from the date of adoption (the later of the adoption dates by MSC or MEPC, as the case may be) of the IBC Code amendments, rather than the date of entry into force of the amendments;
- .2 the revised certificate should have the same expiration date as the existing certificate;
- .3 the revised certificate should be provided with a stamp/text on the front page stating that the revised certificate is effective, and supersedes the existing certificate, on the date of entry into force of the amendments to the IBC Code.

3 As an illustrative example of paragraph 2 above, the attached diagram explains two scenarios:

- .1 Scenario 1 is an example of a renewal survey carried out between the adoption date and the entry-into-force date of the amendments to the IBC Code; and
- .2 Scenario 2 is an example of an existing certificate that is valid beyond the entry-into-force date.

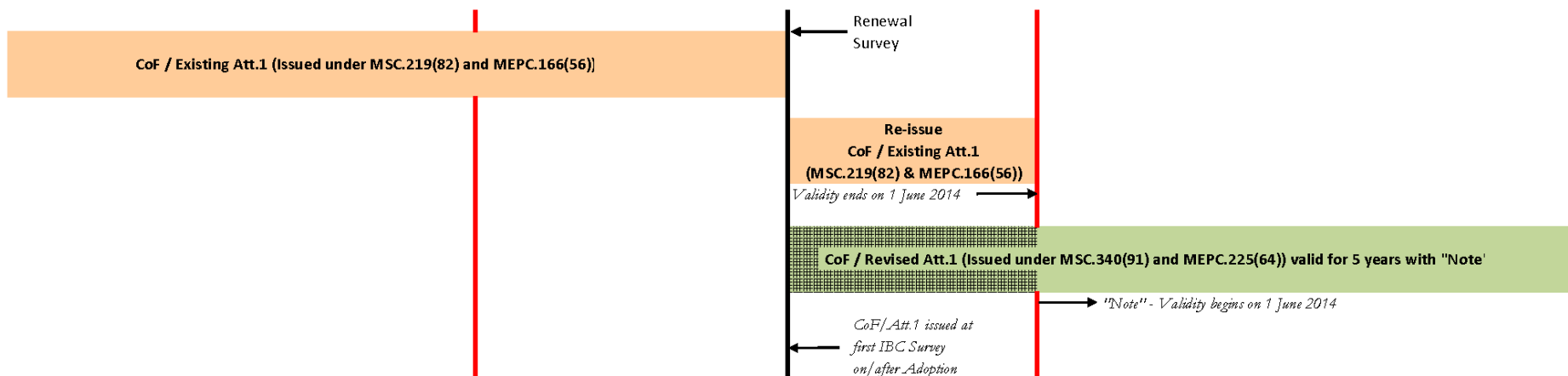
4 The Committees noted that the above arrangements should facilitate a smooth and practical implementation scheme for the worldwide fleet of chemical carriers that may require to have revised certificates immediately upon the entry into force of the amendments to the IBC Code.

5 When a cargo is loaded prior to the entry-into-force date and unloaded after the entry-into-force date, of the amendments to the IBC Code, the relevant provisions of the IBC Code at the time of loading should be applicable until the cargo has been unloaded.

6 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned, in particular, masters, shipowners and port State control officers.

ANNEX

Scenario 1 - IBC Certificate of Fitness expires between Adoption Date and Entry Into Force Date of IBC Code Amendments



Scenario 2 - IBC Certificate of Fitness expires after Entry Into Force Date of IBC Code Amendments

