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23 April 2021

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers and Classification Societies

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Dedicated 24-Hour Hotline for Application of Dispensation

With a view to strengthening the services provided by the Marine Department (MD) for Hong Kong registered ships, a dedicated 24-hour hotline for application of exemption/dispensation will start running from **1 May 2021**.

2. The dedicated 24-hour hotline (852) 9461 2998 will cover outside the office hours in Hong Kong (i.e. after 1700 to 0830 HKT and on public holidays). It ONLY process urgent applications of exemption/dispensation on will equipment/manning and/or seeking immediate instructions from MD on such applications. Please be reminded that for urgent application of exemption/dispensation, ship owners, managers and operators of Hong Kong registered ships in addition to call the dedicated 24-hour hotline shall submit the completed Application Form together with relevant supporting information to email address: exemption@mardep.gov.hk.

3. In case the dedicated 24-hour hotline is occupied, ship owners, managers and operators may call MD's Vessel Traffic Centre (VTC) at (852) 2233 7808 as a contingency.

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4. Should you have any enquiries about the hotline, please contact the Senior Surveyor/Cargo Ships Safety (CSS) Section at:

| Tel.: | (852) 2852 4510 |
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| Fax.: | (852) 2545 0556 |
| E-mail: | ss_css@mardep.gov.hk |

Yours faithfully,

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