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To : *All Ship Managers and Recognized Classification Societies*

Dear Sirs,

**Implementation of MARPOL Annex IV for the Ships under Hong Kong Registry**  
**Issue of International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificates**

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I refer to the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 4/2007 issued on 16 January 2007 relating to the implementation of MARPOL Annex IV in Hong Kong. As advised in this Information Note, our recognized Classification Societies have been authorized effective from 2 February 2007 to issue the International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate (ISPPC) on behalf of this Administration for Hong Kong registered ships.

It is noted that many Hong Kong registered ships have been issued with Certificates of Compliance in respect of MARPOL Annex IV before 2 February 2007 but are not due for renewal. I should be obliged if you would arrange these Certificates of Compliance to be replaced by ISPPC as soon as possible but preferably not later than 31 December 2008.

Your co-operation will be highly appreciated. Should you have any queries in respect of this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at telephone (852) 2852 4510.

Yours faithfully,

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