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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Masters and Recognized Organizations

Dear Sir / Madam,

Maintenance and Inspections of
Fixed Carbon Dioxide Fire-extinguishing Systems

Fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing systems are a critical safety measures designed to protect cargo spaces on cargo ships of 2,000 gross tonnage and upwards in accordance with SOLAS regulation II-2/10.7.1.3 or 10.7.2 (and as amended from time to time). All applicable Hong Kong-registered ships shall carry out the maintenance, testing and inspections of fixed cargo dioxide fire-extinguishing system in accordance with the IMO “Revised Guidelines for the maintenance and inspections of fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing systems” (“the Guidelines”), MSC.1/Circ.1318/Rev.1 (and as amended from time to time), with due regard to ensuring their reliability.

2. Furthermore, the International Ship Safety Management (ISM) Code requires companies undertaking ISM responsibilities to establish procedures to ensure

that shipboard critical equipment being maintained, tested and inspected in compliance with relevant rules and regulations. As such, the safety management system of such ships should explicitly reference the fire-extinguishing system manufacturer's approved maintenance instructions, supplemented by the Guidelines, as the governing standards. All inspection, testing and hose replacement records shall be meticulously maintained on board as evidence of compliance.

3. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Senior Surveyor of Cargo Ships Safety Section at:

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Yours faithfully,

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