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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers and Masters of Hong Kong registered ships

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Marine Notice 9/2021- Focused Inspection Campaign- Planned Maintenance

This circular letter draws the attention of shipowners, ship managers, and masters of Hong Kong-registered ships to the Marine Notice 9/2021- Focused Inspection Campaign- Planned Maintenance, issued by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) in December 2021. A copy of the Marine Notice 9/2021 is attached in Annex 1 for reference.

- 2. AMSA has initiated a Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) on planned maintenance and will commence from 15 January 2022 to 30 March 2022 to foreign-flagged ships arriving at an Australian port. The AMSA inspectors will undertake the FIC with a normal port State control (PSC) inspection. A FIC checklist (in Annex 2) will be using by the AMSA inspectors.
- 3. To avoid the ships being unduly detained or delayed in Australian waters arising from the FIC, the companies and the ships are urged to familiar with the requirements as set out in the Marine Notice 9/2021 and ensure the fulfillment of all the FIC checklist items before entering Australian ports.
- 4. In addition, MD has provided a PSC Inspection (Pre-arrival) Checklist to assist the companies and ships in assessing the physical condition of their ship and be aware of the common detainable items before entering ports. However, it is alarming to note that among the detention cases in Australia last year, there were quite a number of pre-arrival checklists reported with nil findings prior to entering the detained ports. We shall remind that for ships calling Australia ports, the pre-arrival checklist must be diligently filled in by the ship crew and verified by the company before returning to Cargo Ship Safety Section.

6. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at ss css@mardep.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: Annex 1- AMSA Marine Notice 9/2021 Annex 2- Focused Inspection Campaign Checklist