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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers and Classification Societies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Updated Information for Port State Control Detentions of Hong Kong Registered Ships

Please be informed that from 1 January to 19 April 2015, a total of 22 Hong Kong registered ships were detained following the port State control (PSC) intervention. Amongst them, 6 ships were detained by AMSA in Australia and 4 ships were detained by USCG in USA.

Marine Department is deeply concerned by the large number of ships being detained, especially by AMSA and USCG, in such a short period of time. A list of the deficiencies raised by the PSC officers on the 22 detained ships is attached for your attention.

To avoid further detention of Hong Kong registered ships and particularly in Australia and US waters, there is a need to upkeep the quality standard of Hong Kong registered ships. We noted some of the PSC detentions in Australia and USA could have been avoided if the ship masters thoroughly inspected their ships in accordance with the "PSC Inspection Checklist for Hong Kong Registered Ships" developed by Marine Department prior to arriving the Australian and US ports. We therefore urge the ship masters as well as management companies to ensure all items on the above mentioned "PSC Inspection Checklist for Hong Kong Registered Ships" are verified in a useful and meaningful manner.

Should any potential problems be identified or failure of any equipment or machinery that cannot be rectified before entering any ports, the ship master or the management company should promptly notify Marine Department, the local port authority and classification society, as appropriate, in advance to avoid possible detention. Having said that, the ship master and the management company should endeavour to rectify all deficiencies the soonest possible by taking prompt arrangements for temporary repairs.

While Marine Department will endeavour to continue to maintain high safety standard of the Hong Kong registered ships and to maintain the QUALSHIP 21 status, your cooperation in this respect will be highly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Senior Surveyor of Ships/Cargo Ships Safety Section as follows:

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Yours faithfully,

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