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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers, Masters, Officers and Crewmembers.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Port State Control Information from AMSA

Please be informed that a total of eleven Hong Kong registered ships had been detained by port States since 1 January 2017. Out of these detained ships, five were detained by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) in Brisbane, Dampier, Gladstone, Portland and Townsville.

Hong Kong Marine Department (HKMD) was deeply concerned on the consistently high detention rate of HK ships in Australia. Apart from various measures that had been taken to improve the situation, which include flag State quality control (FSQC) inspections, visits to management companies, issuing circular letters to industry, delivering PSC seminars and participation in seafarers' forums, etc., HKMD visited AMSA's headquarters in Canberra, Australia on 15 March 2017 to exchange views on PSC inspections.

HKMD had a fruitful exchange with AMSA on PSC during the visit and both Administrations agreed to work together to improve the standards

of Hong Kong registered ships visiting Australian ports. AMSA was so kind in offering us some valuable information, including their PSC videos, initial inspection checklist, AMSA's presentation during the PSC Seminar on 16 March 2017, safety bulletin, AMSA forms and fact sheets, etc. These materials will be useful to master and crewmembers to better prepare their ships prior to entering ports in Australia. AMSA agreed and welcomed our dissemination of their PSC materials to our Maritime Industry, and we have uploaded these materials to our URL link and can be downloaded at

<http://m.mardep.gov.hk:8080/AMSA/AMSA.zip>

Please click on the above linkage to download the materials **within two weeks' time** and disseminate it to the masters and crewmembers for their information and attention. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Cargo Ships Safety (CSS) Section as follows:

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Yours faithfully,

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