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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers and Classification Societies

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Zero Environmental Deficiencies or Violations (E-Zero) of USCG**

United States Coast Guard (USCG) has promulgated an E-Zero program. Beginning 1 July 2017, vessels enrolled in the QUALSHIP 21 program may also seek the E-Zero designation if they meet the requirements. The E-Zero program is a new addition to the existing QUALSHIP 21 program, and the intent of the program is to recognize those exemplary vessels that have consistently adhered to environmental compliance, while also demonstrating an immense commitment to environmental stewardship. These vessels will receive the E-Zero designation on their QUALSHIP 21 certificate.

More details of the E-Zero program and new incentives for Qualship 21/E-Zero vessels could be found from the Qualship 21 & E-Zero Pamphlet hereafter attached, which is also available on USCG website: <https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc2/psc/safety/qualship.asp>

Should you have any queries in this circular letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Cargo Ships Safety (CSS) Section at telephone number (852) 2852 4510 or by e-mail to “ss\_css@mardep.gov.hk”.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: USCG Qualship 21 & E-Zero Pamphlet