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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers, and Classification Societies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pre-arrival Checklist of Hong Kong Registered Ships

Since 1 January 2018, nine (9) Hong Kong registered ships have been detained by AMSA in Australia and USCG in America.

Upon reviewing the above mentioned PSC detainable deficiencies, we have found that they are among those standard items on the pre-arrival checklist issued by Marine Department. These detentions could have been avoided if the requested pre-arrival checks had been carried out appropriately.

In order to avoid further detention of Hong Kong registered ships, all ship masters and engineers are urged to carry out thorough and genuine pre-arrival checks in accordance with our pre-arrival checklist before calling ports particularly in Australia and US.

We would like to remind if any failure of equipment that cannot be rectified prior to entering any ports, ship master or management company should promptly notify the local port authority, classification society and Marine Department, as appropriate, in advance to avoid possible detention. Request for arrangement of repairs must be made without delay by the master and application for exemption may be submitted by the ship management company should repair arrangement cannot be made due to lack of repair facilities or spare parts in the port. The completed Checklist should be endorsed by the DPA of the management company before submission to the Marine Department for scrutiny and necessary follow-up action.

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There is a need for Marine Department to uphold the quality of our registered ships, to remain on the White List of all MoUs and in maintaining the US Coast Guard “QUALSHIPS 21” status. We therefore ask for the cooperation of shipowners, ship management companies and crew on board to operate Hong Kong registered ships in compliance with international, local, and flag state requirements.

Should you have any queries related to the procedure and checklist, please do not hesitate to contact the Cargo Ships Safety Section as follows:

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Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: PSC inspection (pre-arrival) checklist