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To: Ship Owners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters

Dear Sir/Madam,

## <u>Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Fire Safety</u> From 1 September to 30 November 2023 In Tokyo and Paris MOU regions

The Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding (Tokyo MOU) region in conjunction with the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU) region will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Fire Safety from 1 September to 30 November 2023.

The purpose of this CIC is to:

- 1) to create awareness among the ship's crew and owners about the importance of fire safety measures; and
- 2) to verify that the ship complies with fire safety requirements under the relevant IMO instruments.

The CIC will be conducted in conjunction with regular port state control inspections. Each ship will be subjected to only one inspection under this CIC (from each MOU) during the period of the campaign. Non-compliance with the issues highlighted in the CIC will lead to the issuance of deficiencies and in severe cases, detention of the vessel. The results of the campaign will be analysed, and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of the MOUs for submission to the IMO.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 10 questions to assess that fire-fighting systems and equipment comply with the relevant requirements, that the master and crew members are familiar with operations relating to fire safety, and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

In order to facilitate the masters, managers and owners of Hong Kong registered ships in preparation for the upcoming CIC, Guidance to Hong Kong Registered Ships for preparation of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Fire Safety is enclosed in Annex 1 for your reference. You are advised to distribute this circular letter and the guidance to your respective vessels and ensure that all the shipboard staffs are fully aware of the campaign.

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Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: Annex 1