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TO: SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS AND RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS OF SINGAPORE SHIPS

**CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON LIFEBOAT LAUNCHING ARRANGEMENTS**

Member Authorities of the Paris and Tokyo MOUs and other Port State Control (PSC) regimes will be conducting a CIC on Lifeboat Launching Arrangements from **1 September to 30 November 2009**. Please see attached CIC questionnaire, guidance notes and reference documents.

2 During this period, PSC inspectors will pay close attention to lifeboats and launching arrangements, and in particular on-load release gears on ships, to assess whether they are well maintained and the crew familiar with operational procedures and hazards associated with the launching and recovery of lifeboats. The CIC will be carried out in conjunction with normal PSC inspections.

- 3 A ship may be detained under PSC on the following grounds:
- (a) No records on board to show that lifeboat launching arrangements (falls, on-load release and davits) being regularly maintained.
  - (b) Means of attaching the lifeboat hook assemblies to the lifeboat in poor condition.
  - (c) Key shipboard personnel not familiar with procedures for launching and recovery of lifeboats.
  - (d) Ship's crew cannot demonstrate their understanding of the operation of the on-load release gears and interlocks.
  - (e) Lifeboat hooks and release arrangements, including any interlocks not set correctly.
  - (f) Lifeboat on-load release(s) in poor condition.
  - (g) Lifeboat davit(s) in poor condition.
  - (h) Sheaves and other moving parts, including limit switches not operating correctly.

- (i) Centrifugal winch brake not operating satisfactorily in “freefall” mode and/or manual brake not automatically reapplying upon being released.
- (j) Ship’s crew cannot perform lifeboat drill satisfactorily.
- (k) Failure to report defects which affect the safety of lives or the efficiency or completeness of the life-saving equipment on board to the flag Administration or the recognition organisation (RO), or the appropriate authorities of the port State as required by SOLAS regulation I/11(c).

4 Please take necessary steps to ensure that lifeboat and their launching arrangements are properly maintained and the crew familiar with their operation at all times on your ships. Any serious defects in the lifeboats or launching arrangements shall be reported promptly to the MPA and the RO, and appropriate corrective action taken in a timely manner. If repairs cannot be effected immediately, MPA may grant dispensation for the vessel to continue its operation, subject to certain conditions to ensure equivalent safety is maintained.

5 For queries related to this letter, you may contact Capt Nazmul Haque (Tel: +65-6375 1242 or Email: Md\_Nazmul\_HAQUE@mpa.gov.sg).

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- Enc: 1. Lifeboat CIC questionnaire  
2. Lifeboat CIC guidance  
3. MSC.1/Circ.1206 Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats  
4. MSC.1/Circ.1205 Guidelines for developing operation and maintenance manuals for lifeboat systems