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Title: INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Notice to: **Recognised Organisations/Ship Owners/ Managers/Masters and
Port State Control Officers**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to provide all those concerned appropriate instructions on issuing a Statement of Compliance (SoC) for an Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM).

1. Purpose

1.1 This Merchant Shipping Notice provides instructions to shipowners, Designated Persons Ashore (DPAs) and all those concerned on the procedures for the issue of a Statement of Compliance (SoC) for an Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) by any Recognised Organisation (RO) that has been approved by the Director of Shipping to perform surveys on behalf of the Republic of Mauritius. ***(See Schedule One)***

2. Compliance documents

The above instructions are in compliance with the following;

2.1 Ship Recycling Regulation No. 1257/2013 (EU SRR)

2.2 Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009.

2.3 Resolution MEPC.269 (68) *Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials.*

2.4 Resolution MEPC 222(64) *Guidelines for the Survey and Certification of Ships under the Hong Kong Convention.*

2.5 European Maritime Safety Agency's (EMSA) Guidance on the Inventory of Hazardous Material.

3. Applicability

3.1 This Merchant Shipping Notice applies to new and existing ships of 500 GT or more registered under the Mauritius Flag.

4. Background Information

4.1 The Hong Kong Convention was adopted in 2009 to effectively address the environmental, occupational health and safety risks related to ship recycling. Upon entry into force, the Hong Kong Convention will require new and existing ships of 500 GT and above, to have onboard a valid International Certificate of Compliance on Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) which documents ship-specific information on the actual hazardous materials present on board in order to protect health and safety of the crew, and to protect health and safety of works at ship recycling facilities and avoid environmental pollution when the ship is going for recycling.

4.2 The European Parliament formally adopted the EU SRR on 22 October 2013.

The EU SRR entered into force on 30 December 2013 and requires all non-EU-flagged ships of 500 GT and above calling at EU ports to have onboard a valid IHM with a Statement of Compliance as from 31 December 2020.

4.3 Shipowners with ships calling at ports in the EU are therefore encouraged to develop the IHM for approval prior to 31 December 2020. To meet the requirements of the EU SRR there should be a reference in the Statement of Compliance stating that the IHM has been developed to cover also the requirements of the EU SRR.

5. General Instructions

5.1 All ROs are hereby instructed that upon any request by a shipowner or his representative, a SoC may be issued by under the conditions as laid down below:

5.1.1 The IHM must be ship-specific and take into account IMO Resolution **MEPC.269 (68)**. For an existing ship it must identify, at least, the hazardous materials listed in **Appendix I of the Convention or Annex I of the EU SRR**, as appropriate.

5.1.2 A plan must be established by the ship describing the visual/sampling check on which the IHM is developed.

5.1.3 A laboratory used to carry out specific tests must take into consideration the guidance in MEPC.269 (68), **Appendix 9**.

5.1.4 The IHM must be properly maintained and updated throughout the ship's operational life. It must reflect the new installations that contain hazardous materials referred to in **Appendix II of the Convention or Annex II of the SRR**, as appropriate and relevant changes in the ship's structure and equipment, taking into account the exemptions and transitional arrangements applicable to those materials under international law.

5.1.4.1 The IHM and SoC must be written in English Language.

5.1.4.2 *Separate SoCs must be issued for the EU SRR and Hong Kong Convention.*

6. Hong Kong Convention – Survey and Certification

6.1 Ships must be surveyed according to **Regulation 10** of the Convention. A SoC may **be issued after successful completion of:**

6.1.1 An initial survey before the ship is put in service; or

6.1.2 A renewal survey not exceeding five years.

The initial and renewal surveys must be harmonized under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification. The issuance and endorsement of the SoC must conform to **Regulation 11** of the Convention.

6.2 An additional survey may be conducted at the request of the shipowner to ensure that any change, replacement, or significant repair made to the structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and material continues to comply with the Convention requirements.

6.3 A final survey must be conducted prior to the ship being taken out of service and before the recycling of the ship has started. Per Regulation 11, the initial and final surveys **for existing ships are conducted at the same time.**

6.4 The SoC must be modeled on the format provided in Convention **Appendix 3**.

6.5 The validity of the SoC is five years, subject to the conditions set out in **Regulation 14** of the Convention. A valid SoC shall be converted into an “International Certificate on Inventory Hazardous Materials” ***after the entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention and its ratification by the Mauritius.***

7. EU SRR – Survey and Certification

7.1 The EU SRR does not establish a period of validity for the SoC, unless so specified by the flag State. The Director of Shipping has determined, after taking into consideration the EMSA Guidelines covering Port State Control, that the **five years’ limit** is also appropriate for an SoC issued under the EU SRR. This means that the initial, renewal and additional surveys will need to be conducted for Mauritius registered vessels under the EU SRR.

7.2 A SoC must be modeled on the format provided in **Annex 3** of the European Maritime Safety Agency document, *Guidance on inspection of ships by the port State in accordance with Regulation (EU) 1257/2013 on ship recycling, inspections from the EU port States to enforce provisions of the Ship Recycling Regulation*, of September 27th 2019.

8. Entry into force.

8.1 This Merchant Shipping Notice No. 22 of 2020 shall enter into force on 1 January 2021. The shipping community is invited to take note of the contents of this document and proceed accordingly.

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Schedule One

LIST OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES/RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS

APPROVED BY MAURITIUS

- ❖ American Bureau of Shipping
- ❖ Bureau Veritas
- ❖ China Classification Society
- ❖ Det Norske Veritas - Germanischer Lloyd
- ❖ Hellenic Register of Shipping
- ❖ Indian Register of Shipping
- ❖ Korean Register of Shipping
- ❖ Lloyds Register of Shipping
- ❖ Nippon Keiji Kyokai
- ❖ Registro Italiano Navale