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To: **Whom may it concern**

From: **Vietnam Register**

Subject: **Implementation of SOLAS Amendment II-1/3-13 - Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches**

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Regarding to the entry into force of SOLAS Amendment Chapter II-1 Regulation 3-13 concerning requirements for Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches (effective from 1 January 2026), Vietnam Register (VR) hereby provides the following notification:

1. Pursuant to the signed Agreements governing the Delegation of Statutory and Classification Surveys and Certification Services for Vessels Registered in Vietnam, VR has delegated the issuance of Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificates (SC Certificates) to the following ROs: ABS, BV, CCS, DNV, IRS, KR, LR, NK, RINA, RS.

For Vietnamese-flagged vessels for which the SC Certificate has been issued by an authorized RO, the survey, verification, and certification of lifting appliances and anchor handling winches in accordance with Regulation II-1/3-13 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) shall be undertaken by the same RO that issued the SC Certificate. Accordingly, the authorized RO bears full responsibility for implementing the amended SOLAS requirements applicable to such vessels, including the conduct of statutory surveys, the review and approval of relevant technical documentation, and the issuance or endorsement of certificates in compliance with the Convention and the associated instruments of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Shipowner or operator is advised to coordinate directly with the RO responsible for issuing SC Certificate to ensure timely compliance with the aforementioned regulatory requirements.

2. Certificate of Test and Thorough Examination, Certificate of Test and Thorough Examination of Loose Gear and Register of Ship's Lifting Appliances and Cargo Handling Gear shall be issued using standardized forms of the RO in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1663, Regulation 3.2.3.2, 4.7.1.2 and Appendix 3.

The following remark shall be noted at cover page of the Register of Lifting Appliances and Cargo Handling Gear: *“The tests, examinations and inspections shall be carried out in accordance with and in the manner prescribed for by SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-13, MSC.1/Circ.1663, the National Technical Regulation on Lifting Appliances of Sea-going Ships QCVN 23:2016/BGTVT and the International Labour Organization Convention No. 152.”*

The following remark shall be noted at the end of the Certificate of Test and Thorough Examination of Lifting Appliances: *“The test and thorough examination were carried out in accordance with and in the manner prescribed for by SOLAS regulation II-1/3-13, MSC. 1/Circ. 1663, the National Technical Regulation on Lifting Appliances of Sea-going Ships QCVN 23:2016/BGTVT and the International Labour Organization Convention No. 152.”*

3. An annual survey shall be carried out within 12 months from the date of the previous survey in accordance with the National Technical Regulation on Lifting Appliances of Sea-going Ships QCVN 23:2016/BGTVT.

Thank for your kind cooperation.

Best regards.

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