

Subject :

**Postponement of Emergency Towing
Arrangements (ETA) for Tankers**

NKTECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

The government of Liberia, Marshall Islands and Singapore have recently informed us of how to deal with cases where the ETA is not installed on board at the first dry-docking after 1st, January 1996. In such cases, for the tankers flying flags of the above governments, this may be dealt with as follows;

1. Tankers flying the flag of Liberia or Marshall Islands

- Outstanding recommendation stating that ETA should be installed within a maximum six months is to be set up. The period of grace shall not be granted beyond 31 December 1998.
- In the case of further extension beyond the maximum six months period, the government will provide instructions.

2. Tankers flying the flag of Singapore

- Considering the progress of the installation schedule, if such a deferment is justifiable and reasonable, postponement until scheduled date may be granted. The period of grace shall not be granted beyond 31 December 1998.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact below.

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