

Subject :
Venting System of Combined
Oil/Chemical Tankers
Required under SOLAS 74
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To: Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

It has already been informed by NK Technical Information No.251 dated 6 April 1998 that the amendments to venting system under SOLAS 74/ Chapter II-2, Reg.59 which were effective on 1 July 1998 should apply to combined oil/chemical tankers.

In the meantime, IMO BLG and MSC at their meetings held respectively in July 1998 and December 1998 agreed that the combined oil/chemical tankers may comply with the relevant requirements of venting system in IBC/BCH Codes as chemical tankers. However, for the sake of making interpretation of the application based on this agreement, the matter should continue to be discussed at the next BLG meeting. We, therefore, have to wait for further IMO's decision so that the agreement can formally apply to the combined oil/chemical tankers.

According to this agreement, the combined oil/chemical tankers do not have to comply with the amendments to venting system under SOLAS 74, until amendments under IBC/BCH Codes including the same requirements as specified in SOLAS 74 are effective. These amendments were approved by IMO and are scheduled to be effective on 1 July 2002.

Under such circumstances, this Society decided, paying due attention to the IMO's basic agreement, that the combined oil/chemical tankers may be exempted from compliance with the amendments to vent system under SOLAS 74/Chapter II-2, Reg.59 until the said amendments to IBC/BCH Codes are effective, provided that the flag Government should accept the advance application of the IMO's basic agreement.

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We are asking the Governments for their instructions on the matter and have so far received acceptance of the advance application from the following Governments:

1. Liberia
2. Panama
3. Hong Kong
4. Malta
5. Philippines

If you have any questions, please contact the Survey Department (Tel: 03-5226-2027, Fax: 03-5226-2029).

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