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Entry into Force of Annex I to
MARPOL 73/78 in Panama

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To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

In Panama, Annex I to MARPOL 73/78 will enter into force on 20 May, 1985.

Oil tankers of 150 GT and above and ships other than oil tankers of 400 GT and above of Panamanian flag which are engaged in international voyages are consequently required to comply with the relevant requirements of the Annex and hold an International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPP certificate) by the above date.

You are invited to take necessary actions in advance and apply for Initial Survey for the above-mentioned ships, noting the following matters for a ship which already underwent survey corresponding to Initial Survey and holding an NOPP certificate or a KOPP certificate.

1. Initial Survey for a ship holding an NOPP certificate (but not a KOPP certificate) may be deferred until the due date of Mandatory Annual Survey, Intermediate Survey or Periodical Survey on Safety Construction under SOLAS whichever comes first on or after 20 May, 1985.

(In this case, an NOPP certificate is regarded as equivalent to an IOPP certificate until issuance of the latter upon completion of the Initial Survey.)

2. For a ship holding an NOPP certificate or a KOPP certificate, consideration is given to the extent of Initial Survey according to the ship's status of undergoing surveys required to maintain the validity of the certificate.

Should you have any question on this Information, please contact the Chief Surveyor's staff at the Head Office of this Society.

