

Subject

S.D. Circular No. 8 of 2003 issued by Government of India-Clarification

ClassNK

Technical Information

No. TEC-0563
Date 14 January 2004

To whom it may concern

The subject has already been informed by ClassNK Technical Information No. TEC-0547 of 4 September 2003 about elimination of aged tankers and the compliance with Condition Assessment Programme (CAP) rating 2, etc.

The Indian Government has notified the ClassNK of Memorandum in relation to this matter.

This ClassNK Technical Information supersedes the previous ClassNK Technical Information No. TEC-0547 dated 4 September 2003.

1. Crude oil carriers with SBT/PL (*) - below 25 years age.
2. All product tankers with SBT/PL (*) - below 25 years age.
3. Tankers (Crude oil carrier and all product carriers) must be classed with major IACS Society, or the Indian Register of Shipping.
4. Tankers (Crude oil carrier and all product carriers) above 20 years must have at least CAP 2 rating (for hull, machinery and cargo equipment) from classification society (IACS) or IRS.
5. Tanker charterers and Oil Terminals shall exercise due diligence in ensuring the quality of tankers in-chartered.

The above guidelines for contracts/charters shall come into force from the 1 April 2004.

For the detail and accuracy, attached please find the S. D. Circular No. 8 of 2003 issued by the Government of India on 14 August 2003.

(*) SBT/PL:

Reg. 13 and Reg. 13 E required "New Oil Tanker" defined Reg. 26 Annex 1 MARPOL 73/78

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Attachment: 1. S.D. Circular No. 8 of 2003

2. S.D. Circular No. 7 & 8 of 2003 Clarification regarding

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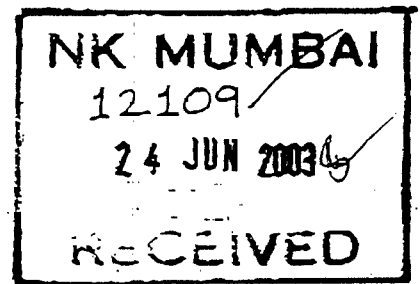
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S.D. CIRCULAR NO. 7 OF 2003

The possible environmental hazard from sub-standard foreign flag oil tankers calling at Indian Ports has been engaging the attention of this Directorate for some time. Many countries have decided to tighten inspection campaign of oil tankers regardless of their age, in order to check entry of sub-standard oil tankers within the Port limits.

2. This issue has been deliberated at length with the charterers of oil tankers and oil terminal operators on 08th April, 2003 and 06th June, 2003 at this Directorate. They have readily accepted the concern of the Administration and after careful consideration of their views, it has been decided that the following minimum guidelines need to be adhered to by the charterers and oil terminal operators while in-chartering of foreign flag oil tankers:-

- (i) Crude oil carriers with SBT/PL - below 25 years age
- (ii) All product tankers with SBT/PL - below 25 years age
- (iii) Chemical tankers - below 25 years age
- (iv) Gas tankers to fully comply with GC/IGC Code - below 30 years age
- (v) All tankers must be classed with major IACS Society, or the Indian Register of Shipping.

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- (vi) All tankers above 20 years must have at least CAP 2 rating (for hull, machinery and cargo equipment) from IACS.
 - (vii) Tanker charterers and Oil Terminals shall exercise due diligence in ensuring the quality of tankers in-chartered.
4. The above guidelines for contracts/charters shall come into force from the 01st September, 2003.


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6. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Mumbai.
7. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Mumbai.
8. All Mercantile Marine Departments
9. All Major Port Trusts
10. All Classification Societies

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MEMORANDUM

Subject:- S.D. Circular No. 7 & 8 of 2003 -
Clarification regarding

This Directorate has been receiving numerous correspondences seeking clarifications on SD Circulars No. 7 and 8 of 2003 issued by this Directorate regarding age restriction on tankers. The matter has been examined further and it is clarified as follows:-

1. The said circular applies to foreign flag vessels as well as Indian flag vessels when on international voyages.
2. Since the scope of the said circular has been restricted to crude oil carriers and product tankers, the age restrictions obviously apply to them only.
3. The scope of the said circular does not cover gas carriers, and dedicated chemicals tankers.
4. The provisions of the said circular shall come into force from 01st April, 2004 and hence any vessel coming under the purview of the circular and calling at Indian Ports from 01st April, 2004 onwards will have to comply with the stipulations therein.
5. The definitions of various categories of tankers in accordance with the relevant regulations of SOLAS, 1974 and MARPOL 73/78 are as below:-
 - a) **Gas carrier** means a cargo ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquefied gas or other

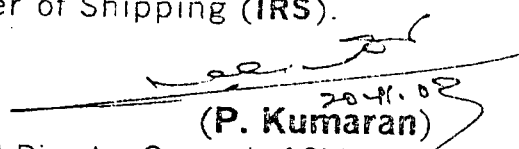
product listed in chapter 19 of the International Gas Carrier Code (Regulation 11.2, Part-C, Chapter VII of SOLAS 1974).

b) **Chemical tanker** means a cargo ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in chapter 17 of the International Bulk Chemical Code (Regulation 8.2, Part B, Chapter VII of SOLAS 1974).

c) **Product tanker** means an oil tanker engaged in the trade of carrying oil other than crude oil (Regulation 1(30) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78).

d) **Crude oil tanker** means an oil tanker engaged in the trade of carrying crude oil (Regulation 1(29) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78).

6. In so far as the classification of the tankers calling at Indian Ports are concerned, all the crude oil tankers and product tankers should be classed with a full member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) or with the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).


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