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To : Ship Owners, Ship Managers and Ship Operators

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO ISM CODE

At IMO MSC (85), The Resolution relating to amendments to the ISM Code was adopted, which will enter into force on 1st July 2010.

The main points of the amendments are as follows:

1. The Company should carry out internal safety audits onboard and ashore at intervals not exceeding twelve months. In exceptional circumstances, this interval may be exceeded by not more than three months.
2. When the renewal verification is completed after the expiry date of the existing Safety Management Certificate, the new Safety Management Certificate should be valid from the date of completion of the renewal verification to a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing Safety Management Certificate
3. If a ship at the time when a Safety Management Certificate expires is not in port, the Administration may extend the period of validity of the Safety Management Certificate not exceeding three months only for the purpose of allowing the ship to complete its voyage to the port in which it is to be verified.