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Subject: MARPOL 73/78, ANNEX I New Chapter 8 – Prevention of Pollution during Transfer Oil between Oil Tanker at Sea

Adopted by: IMO Resolution MEPC. 186 (59)

Reference: MARPOL 73/78 / Resolution 106 – OMI – 87 – DGMM (MMC # 217)

Application: To Oil Tankers of 150 GRT or above which carry out STS cargo oil - From January 1st 2011.

The purpose of this circular is to remained you about the Resolution MEPC 186 (59) and its Requirements, which, has entered into force last January 1st 2011, and amends MARPOL 73/78 Annex I, adding a new Chapter 8.

The regulation 41 of this new chapter states that all oil tankers, involved in STS operations shall Carry on board a Plan prescribing how to conduct STS operations (STS Operations Plan) not later Than the date of the first annual, intermediate or renewal survey of the ship to be carried out on Or after 1 January 2011.

Each oil tanker's STS operations Plan shall be approved by the Administration.

Consequently, all Recognized Organizations (RO's), at the moment to carry out the verification of The STS operations Plan, shall make sure that such Plan is developed taking into account the Information contained in the best practice guidelines for STS operations identified by the Organizations (IMO's "Manual on Oil Pollution, Section I, Prevention" as amended, and the ICS And OCIMF "Ship-to-ship Transfer Guide, Petroleum", fourth edition, 2005).

Best regards

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