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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships

This circular is to inform shipowners, shipmanagers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships of the coming into force of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment) Regulations, 2009 on 1 July 2009.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY CONVENTION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2009

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment) Regulations, 2009 will come into operation on 1 July 2009. These Regulations put into effect the amendments to the regulations annexed to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS 74) adopted by Resolutions MSC.239(83) and MSC.240(83) in October 2007.

2 The significant amendment is the introduction of a new Regulation 5-1 (Material Safety Data Sheets) in Chapter VI (Carriage of Cargoes) for the protection of personnel involved in the transport of oils and oil products listed in MARPOL Annex I cargoes and marine fuel oils. This regulation requires ships carrying such cargoes to be provided with a material safety data sheets (MSDS) prior to loading.

3 This regulation directly affects shippers of such cargoes and bunker suppliers who have to provide the MSDS to the ship prior to loading. The MSDS contains safety, handling and environmental information of the cargoes to be shipped. A draft copy of Resolution MSC.286(86) outlining the MSDS format is attached in Shipping Circular No. 20 of 2009.

4 Copies of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment) Regulations, 2009 (Government Gazette No. S286/2009) may be purchased at:

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