



## MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

### PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 38 OF 2001

29 Dec 2001

Shipping Community  
Harbour Craft Community

### **MAINTENANCE WORK INVOLVING CHIPPING ONBOARD LICENSED HARBOUR TANKERS**

1 Former Port Marine Circular No. 68 of 1998 is hereby cancelled. This is a reproduction of the circular with amendments.

2 Masters are reminded that normal maintenance work involving chipping using hand tools such as chipping hammers and scrapers carried out on board licensed harbour tankers carrying Class C petroleum are only allowed at the Tuas Petroleum Holding Anchorage or Eastern Petroleum 'B' Anchorage. Such maintenance work shall be done in strict compliance with the International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers & Terminals (ISGOTT) and the requirements under the Factories Act.

3 Such maintenance work must be restricted to the actual deck areas and fittings not connected to the oil cargo system and the vessel should not be engaged in any cargo, bunkering, ballasting, tank cleaning, gas-freeing, tank purging or inerting operations. Tests should be carried out to ensure that the chipping areas are free from flammable vapour when chipping is being carried out. The person who is performing the test must have adequate knowledge on the proper use of the equipment and the correct method of testing. The type of testing equipment used and the testing results must be recorded in the logbook. In addition, the work area should also be clear of combustible materials. Permission need not be sought from the Port Master to carry out such maintenance work.

4 Licensed harbour tankers and other vessels carrying Class A or Class B petroleum, or has carried it as part of their last cargo, shall be certified free from flammable vapour before any such maintenance work can be carried out.

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