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Shipping Community

Owners and Operators of Bulk Liquid Chemical Terminal

SEGREGATION OF INCOMPATIBLE BULK LIQUID CHEMICAL CARGOES

1 Pursuant to Regulation 13 of the First Schedule of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations (Rg 2), to minimize accidental pollution by ship carrying bulk liquid chemical cargoes, the Shipping Community is reminded to comply with the requirements of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) or Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code), where appropriate.

2 Mixing incompatible cargoes could result in the generation of toxic gases, possible explosion and/or rupture of the tanks. Hence, the Shipping Community should make use of the US Coastguard Compatibility Chart as a guide to identify the incompatible cargoes and segregate them in accordance with Chapter 3, Provision 3.1 of the IBC Code. A copy of the chart and its relevant information from CFR Title 46 Part 150 – Compatibility of Cargoes can be obtained from the US Coastguard website at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=c1b4ccd4039af244fde01e096a950293&rgn=div5&view=text&node=46:5.0.1.2.6&idno=46>.

3 Shipowners, shipmasters, owners and operators of bulk liquid chemical terminals should ensure that liquid bulk chemical cargoes are handled and kept in such a manner as to preclude the possibility of a dangerous interaction with incompatible cargoes or materials. Terminal operators should also report to MPA immediately, if they encounter ships calling their terminal that do not segregate the incompatible chemical cargoes in accordance with the IBC Code.

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