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Applicable to: Ship owners, ship managers and operators of Singapore-registered ships

CARRIAGE ON BOARD OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICE PUBLICATIONS

1. This circular serves to draw the attention of ship owners, managers and operators of Singapore-registered ships to the safety investigation report recently published by the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau (TSIB) pertaining to a fatality on board a Singapore registered tug boat due to mooring rope accident. The full report can be accessed via this link;

<https://www.mot.gov.sg/About-MOT/Sea-Transport/MSIB/Investigation-Report/>

2. As an extract from the report, one of the findings from the investigation revealed that the vessel did not have a copy of the Code of Safe Working Practices (COSWP) on board, although the Safety Management System (SMS) of the vessel made reference to the Code of Safe Working Practices (COSWP).

3. For SOLAS convention ships (>500 GT), if the SMS makes reference to relevant safe working practices code/guidelines, a copy¹ of these code/guidelines should be made available on board. If the SMS does not make reference to external documents, then relevant safe working practices code/guidelines as deemed appropriate by the Company are recommended to be provided on board. For non-SOLAS convention (<500 GT) and non-ISM ships, relevant safety code/guidelines as deemed appropriate by the Company are recommended to be provided on board.

4. Any queries regarding this circular should be directed to Mr Goh Chung Hun at (+65) 6375 6206.

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¹ The safe working practices code/guideline can be in the form of hardcopy or electronic copy.