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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers, operators, agents and masters of Singapore-registered ships

SAFE TOWING OPERATIONS FOR TOWED SHIPS AND OTHER FLOATING OBJECTS

1. This circular brings to the attention of the shipping community on the importance to minimise the danger to navigation and the environment when engaged in towing operations.
2. Several incidents involving tugs towing barges have occurred recently due to inadequate safety measures in place when conducting towing operations.
3. Shipowners and masters when engaged in towing operations, are urged to take into consideration the relevant portions of MSC/Circular.884 "*Guidelines for Safe Ocean Towing*" and Resolution A.765(18) "*Guidelines on the Safety of Towed Ships and other Floating Objects, including Installations, Structures and Platforms at Sea*" as adopted by the International Maritime Organization, and ensure that towing arrangements deployed are suitable for the particular tow.
4. Queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr. Calvin Lee at Tel: 6375-6269 or email: calvin_lee@mpa.gov.sg.
5. Shipping Circular No. 7 of 2008 is hereby superseded.

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