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Applicable to: Owners and operators of Singapore-registered passenger ships and Recognised Organisations.

(A) APPROVAL FOR AND REPORT ON ALTERATIONS TO PASSENGER SHIPS

(B) REPORT ON DEFECT OR DEFICIENCY IN PASSENGER SHIPS

(C) FIVE-YEARLY LIGHTWEIGHT SURVEY FOR PASSENGER SHIPS

A APPROVAL FOR AND REPORT ON ALTERATIONS TO PASSENGER SHIPS

1. Owners and masters of Singapore-registered passenger ships are required to obtain approval from the Director, before making any changes to the structural arrangements, machinery, equipment and other items on their passenger ships¹.

2. Additionally, section 104(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act (the "Act") requires owners and masters of Singapore-registered passenger ships to report to the Director, the nature and extent of the alteration or change made to their passenger ships or its equipment, within 7 days of the alteration or change. Failure to do so constitutes an offence.

3. Owners and masters of Singapore passenger ships are to ensure compliance with the above requirements and to duly:

- (a) obtain consent from the Director or relevant Recognised Organisation (RO) approved by the Director before any alteration or change is made to

¹ See: Regulation 11(b) of Chapter I of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations (the "Regulations"), or Regulation 9 of the Merchant Shipping (Special Limits Passenger Ships) Safety Regulations ("Special Limits Regulations"), as the case may be.

their passenger ships – the Director or the RO will thereafter determine whether a survey is required; and

- (b) report to the Director or the RO, after completing such alteration or change to their passenger ships.

B REPORT ON DEFECT OR DEFICIENCY IN PASSENGER SHIPS

4. Owners and masters of Singapore-registered passenger ships are also reminded, pursuant to section 104(1) of the Act, to report to the Director, the nature and extent of the defect or deficiency in the passenger ship and the probable cause thereof, within 7 days of its discovery. Failure to do so constitutes an offence.

C FIVE-YEARLY LIGHTWEIGHT SURVEY FOR PASSENGER SHIPS

5. All passenger ships engaged on international voyages are to undergo a periodic lightweight survey at intervals not exceeding five (5) years² to verify any changes in lightship displacement and longitudinal centre of gravity. The ship is required to be re-inclined whenever, in comparison with the approved stability information, a deviation from the lightweight displacement exceeding 2%, or a deviation of the longitudinal centre of gravity exceeding 1% of L^3 is found or anticipated.

6. If a lightweight survey has not been carried out on a Singapore passenger ship in the last five (5) years, the owner or master must arrange for the ship to undergo a lightweight survey at the first scheduled Passenger Ship Safety renewal survey. MPA or the RO is to be notified to witness the lightweight survey and if required, the re-inclining test. After conducting the lightweight survey or inclining test, the survey and/or test report (as the case may be) must be submitted to MPA or the RO for approval before the stability information of the ship is updated based on the approved lightweight data.

7. Any queries to this circular should be directed to Mr Ho Sin Gian at 63752424.

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² See: Regulation 5(e) of Chapter II-1 and Chapter X of the Regulations and High Speed Code (HSC), Chapter 2.14, or Regulation 8 of the Special Limits Regulations, as the case may be.

³ Under SOLAS 74, Length (L) is the length as defined in the International Convention on Load Lines in force. Under HSC Code, Length (L) means the overall length of the underwater watertight envelope of the rigid hull, excluding appendages, at or below the design waterline in the displacement mode with no lift or propulsion machinery active.