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MPA Statement in response to Fire Onboard A Liberia-flagged tanker at eastern part of Singapore

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was alerted on 11 July 2023 at about 10pm (Singapore time) that smoke was observed at the accommodation area onboard a Liberia-flagged tanker, anchored at the eastern part of Singapore. The tanker was not carrying cargo at that time.

2 An MPA patrol craft and four Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) marine fire-fighting and rescue vessels were despatched to render assistance. The fire was put under control shortly after.

3 All crew were reported to be safe and no pollution was observed. There were no Singaporeans on board the tanker. There was no disruption to port operation.

4 MPA takes a serious view of safety incidents in the Port of Singapore. Firm actions on vessel and personnel may be taken, including detention of vessel, if vessel is found not in compliance with the necessary safety regulations.

5 MPA and SCDF are investigating the incident.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime

Organization. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2022, Singapore remained one of the world's busiest transshipment hubs with a container throughput of 37.3 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

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