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**Marine Advisory: 22/2023**

**SUBJECT: Issuance of International Certificates on Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM)**

**Reference: (a) [Marine Operations Note 06/2023](#)**

**Dear Shipowners/Operators/Recognized Organizations:**

The purpose of this Marine Advisory is to provide notification to shipowners/operators and Recognized Organizations that all ships shall obtain the International Certificate on IHM (ICIHM) from the Liberian Administration prior to entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention or before going for recycling, if this is earlier.

On 26 June 2023, Liberia ratified the Hong Kong Convention, thereby fulfilling the criteria for entry into force of the Convention on 26 June 2025.

Statement of Compliance on IHM (SOCIHM) already issued by authorized Recognized Organizations will continue to remain valid until they expire; or until 26 June 2025, whichever is earlier, after which the Liberian Administration will issue the International Certificate on IHM (ICIHM) with the same validity, which may not require an additional shipboard inspection/survey, provided the IHM has been maintained and updated as required. Authorized Recognized Organizations shall, therefore, submit the current SOCIHM along with the latest survey report and IHM Part I to the Administration at [RegsandStandards@liscr.com](mailto:RegsandStandards@liscr.com) for issuance of the full term ICIHM no later than 26 June 2025.

All other ships to which the Hong Kong Convention applies are required to develop the IHM Part I for approval prior to entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention on 26 June 2025; or before going for recycling, if this is earlier. Authorized Recognized Organizations shall issue an interim ICIHM for a period of five (5) months and submit the interim ICIHM along with the survey report and IHM Part I to the Administration for issuance of the full term ICIHM.

Shipowners/Operators are reminded that ships which already issued with SOCIHM should update the IHM at the earliest; and ships which are still to develop the IHM Part I, should take into account the 2023 Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials ([Resolution MEPC.379\(80\)](#)), which includes cybutryne in the external coating layer of their hulls or external parts of surfaces above 1,000 mg/kg.

It is recommended that authorized Recognized Organizations commence submitting in a phased manner, the SOCIHM already issued earlier, so that no later than 26 June 2025, all SOCIHM already issued are replaced with the ICIHM by the Administration.

For additional guidance, please refer to Marine Operations Note 06/2023, [reference \(a\)](#).

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Regulations and Standards Department at [RegsAndStandards@liscr.com](mailto:RegsAndStandards@liscr.com) or telephone +1 703 7903434 for more information.

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