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MARINE ADVISORY: 09/2019

Subject: Tokyo and Paris MoUs Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on emergency systems and procedures

TO: ALL OWNERS/OPERATORS AND MASTERS OF LIBERIAN FLAGGED VESSELS

Dear Shipowner/Operator:

The 2019 Tokyo and Paris MoU Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) will focus on emergency systems and procedures. The CIC will run from 01 September to 30 November 2019, and the following MoUs will also participate: Black Sea, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Paris, Tokyo, Riyadh and Viña del Mar.

This year’s CIC is a reminder of the importance of regular training for different emergency scenarios and the proper maintenance of technical systems to ensure crew and equipment readiness in case of emergencies. The Administration has noted that most detainable deficiencies are related to emergency systems such as emergency generators and fire pumps. Due to the importance of these systems, these deficiencies often raise concerns regarding the effectiveness of a vessel’s Safety Management System.

This CIC will follow the same procedure as in previous years where the CIC will be included as an additional part of a routine PSC inspection during the implementation period. As the start date of the CIC approaches, the MOUs will publish a tailored questionnaire for use by every Port State Control Officer (PSCO) conducting an inspection and for use by operators in preparing for an inspection. The questionnaire is expected to be published in August at which time the Administration will distribute as soon as it is received via a supplemental Marine Advisory.

In preparation for the upcoming CIC, the Administration recommends the following actions be taken:

- Review deficiencies related to emergency systems. The Administration’s records show the majority of deficiencies for emergency systems are related to emergency generators, emergency lighting, emergency fire pumps, fire detection systems, and drills.
- Ensure all emergency equipment and installations are installed and operating properly.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of maintenance of emergency systems (e.g. emergency fire pumps) and update accordingly.
- Ensure crew familiarity with systems and procedures, and ensure drills are conducted and documented properly.

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