30 August 2005

MARINE OPERATIONS NOTE: 7/2005

Re: Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Operational Requirements

Reference: Tokyo MOU press release dated 22 August 2005

Dear Owner/Operator:

Beginning 1 September 2005 and continuing until 30 November 2005, member Authorities of the Tokyo MOU will conduct a CIC on effective operation of ship board equipment and compliance of safety and pollution prevention procedures. The CIC will target aspects of operational control provisions of SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions on all vessels, regardless of type.

During routine Port State Control inspections, inspectors will verify maintenance and operation procedures of fire protection systems and life-saving appliances, crew familiarity of drills and emergency duties, maintenance and operation arrangements of GMDSS, safety of navigation arrangements and procedures and pollution prevention procedures.

The member Authorities of the Tokyo MOU are Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Chile, Philippines, China, Russian Federation, Fiji, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan, Vanuatu, Republic of Korea, Viet Nam and Malaysia.

The Tokyo MOU press release may be found at: www.tokyo-mou.org

Shipowners and ship operators should bring this information to the attention of their Master’s and Designated Persons Ashore.

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