TO: ALL SHIPOWERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND AUTHORIZED CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

SUBJECT: Stability and Trim Information to be Supplied to the Master

Reference: (a) Maritime Regulation 2.39
(b) International Load Line Convention (1966); Chapter II; Regulation 10
(c) SOLAS 1974, as amended, Chapter II-1, Regulation 5-1

Supersedes: Marine Notice TEC-003, dated 1/00

PURPOSE:

This Notice is a reminder that under the provisions of Regulation 10, Chapter II of the Load Line Convention, the Master of every ship "shall be supplied with sufficient information, in an approved form, to enable him to arrange for the loading and ballasting of his ship in such a way as to avoid the creation of any unacceptable stresses in the ship's structure."

APPLICABILITY:

The requirements of Regulation 10 Chapter II of the Load Line Convention, apply to every ship the keel of which was laid or was at a similar stage of construction on or after 22 July 1968.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 The Master of every such ship not already provided with stability information under Regulation 5-1, Chapter II-1, SOLAS-1974, "shall be supplied with sufficient information in an approved form to give him guidance as to the stability of the ship under varying conditions of service. A copy shall be furnished to the Administration."

2.0 For the purpose of complying with these Regulations, the term "in an approved form" shall mean approved by the Classification Society with which the ship is classed, such Society being one of the full members of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) authorized to act on behalf of the Government of Liberia pursuant to the provisions of the Maritime Regulations.
3.0 A copy of the stability information is required to be furnished to the Administration under the above Regulations. The filing of such information with the Classification Society with which the ship is classed shall be deemed to be in compliance with that provision.

4.0 Classification Societies are reminded to include provisions for ballast water exchange procedures in their rules, thereby providing to the ship’s master the necessary information for same in the ship’s Stability Booklet.

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