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Applicable to: This FLEET SAFETY LETTER should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships and Recognized Organizations

Re:Code for the Transport and Handling of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (OSV CHEM CODE)

1. Vanuatu adopted Resolution A.673, Guidelines for the Transport and Handling of Limited Amounts of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels, For New and Existing U.S. Offshore Supply Vessels, the FLEET SAFETY LETTER 062718.GEN, remains applicable.
2. IMO resolutions MEPC.318(74) and MSC.460(101) adopted amendments to the IBC Code, updating carriage requirements for a significant number of products. These amendments became effective on January 1, 2021 and affected several cargoes commonly carried by OSVs.
3. The Maritime Administrator of the Vanuatu International Ship Registry (VISR) grants extensions all OSV Certificate of Fitness ("COF") in the interim between the effective date of the amendments and the publishing of an updated policy letter. As of now, these extensions are granted until **31 December 2026**.
4. Before the expiration of an OSV's COF, a plan must be proposed to the vessel's RO to meet the updated requirements of affected products, or with proposed equivalencies to specific requirements. Once a plan is approved by the RO with notice to VISR, the modifications will be required by the OSV's next drydock period.
5. During this extension period any chemical substances added to the OSV's COF intended for domestic use only, are to comply with the latest categorizations outlined by MEPC.318(74), MSC.460(101) and MEPC.2 for the Provisional Categorizations if Liquid Substances. Chemicals already on the OSV's COF will be permitted under their carriage requirements relevant at the time of their review.



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