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FLEET SAFETY LETTER 030120.GEN – Rev.1

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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

Statements of Compliance for Ship Recycling

A. The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (Hong Kong Convention)

1. The Convention will enter into force 24 months after the date on which the following conditions are met:

- a. Ratification by 15 States,
- b. Representation by 40 per cent of world merchant shipping by gross tonnage, and,
- c. A maximum annual ship recycling volume not less than 3 per cent of the combined tonnage of the ratifying States.

2. Currently, there are 15 Contracting States with a combined merchant fleet constituting approximately 30.21% of the world fleet gross tonnage. The combined annual ship recycling volume of these Contracting States during the preceding 10 years is approximately 2.5%.

3. This Convention does not apply to ships of less than 500 GT or to ships operating throughout their life only in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Republic of Vanuatu.

4. For new and existing ships \geq 500 GT, Recognized Organizations listed under section C are authorized to:

- a. Verify the Inventory of Hazardous Materials in accordance with the Hong Kong Convention;
- b. Prior to entry into force, issue a Statement of Compliance on behalf of the Republic of Vanuatu in accordance with Appendix 3 to the HKC*; and,
- c. Issue the Ready for Recycling Certificate on behalf the Republic of Vanuatu in accordance with the HKC.

*Statements are to be converted to Certificates upon entry into force for the Republic of Vanuatu.

B. EU Ship Recycling Regulation (EU SRR) - EU Regulation 1257/2013

1. EU SRR is applicable to ships \geq 500 GT flying the flag of an EU/EEA Member State and third-party ships, such as Vanuatu flag ships, calling at a port or anchorage of an EU/EEA Member State. The EU SRR does not apply to ships of less than 500 GT or to ships operating throughout their life only in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Republic of Vanuatu.

2. Vanuatu flag ships visiting EU/EEA ports and anchorages shall have a valid and certified Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) on board by 31 December 2020.

3. Recognized Organizations listed under section C are authorized to:


- a. Verify the Inventory of Hazardous Materials in accordance with EU Regulation 1257/2013; and,
- b. Issue Statement of Compliance on behalf of the Republic of Vanuatu as required by EU Regulation 1257/2013.

C. Delegation of Authority

1. The following Recognized Organizations are authorized to perform activities listed under Sections A and B, unless otherwise specified:

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- Bureau Veritas (BV)
- China Classification Society (CCS)
- DNV-GL (DNV-GL)
- Korean Register of Shipping (KR)
- Lloyds Register (LR)
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)
- Polski Rejestr Statkow (PRS)
- Registro Navale Italiano (RINA)
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)
- Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS)
- Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
- International Naval Surveys Bureau (INSB Class)
- Bulgarian Registry of Shipping (BRS)
- Isthmus Bureau of Shipping (IBS)
- Overseas Marine Certification Services (OMCS) – Activities under section A only

2. Authorized ROs listed above may provide the services listed under Sections A and B to any Vanuatu flag ship classed by any of the ROs authorized by this Administration. Copies of the Statements of Compliance shall be provided to the Administration.


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