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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers and Recognized Organization

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Types of Ships listed on the Document of Compliance (DOC)**

We refer to an enquiry about the types of ships listed on the Hong Kong Document of Compliance (DOC) for companies which operates multi-flagged vessels.

Irrelevant ship type shall not be listed on the Hong Kong DOC if the company does not operate or does not intend to operate those types of ships registered under the Hong Kong flag. This is to ensure the DOC indicate the correct ship types and proper audit can be carried out to verify compliance with the ISM Code.

Recognized Organizations should delete the irrelevant types of ships from the Hong Kong DOC if it is found during the periodical audits that the company has not actually operated those types of ships under Hong Kong flag for more than one year. This will apply to all management companies irrespective of the types of ships listed on the DOC of other Administrations held by the management companies.

Yours faithfully,

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