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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAS 1974, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER XI-2 AND INTERNATIONAL SHIP AND PORT FACILITY SECURITY (ISPS) CODE

TOP URGENT

We refer to the above subject.

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide additional guidance, with respect to the above regulations, as follows:

Validity of International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)

In accordance with our established procedures, authorization shall be obtained from the BMA prior to carrying out the endorsement/extension of the ISSC under the provision of Part A/19.3.4, 19.3.5, 19.3.6.

With respect to Part A/19.3.9, The BMA has developing a procedure for notifying your Organisation of all changes of flag from The Bahamas. This process encompasses the authorization to forward a copy of the ISSC and ISSC verification audit report to the receiving flag.

Interim Certification

We refer to our correspondence of 22nd April 2004 on this subject. The IMO MSC has clarified that there is no scope for the issuance of Interim ISSC prior to 01st July 2004. On or after 01st July 2004, ships satisfying the requirements of Part A/19.4.1 and 19.4.2 can be issued Interim ISSC valid for a period not exceeding 6 months. The additional requirements of the BMA are as follows:

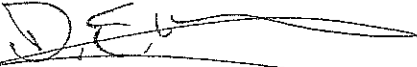
- 1 A note identifying the affected ship's category (A/19.4.1.1) shall be forwarded with the copy of the issued interim ISSC,
- 2 A shipboard attendance is required for verification of the conditions specified in A/19.4.2.2, 19.4.2.3, 19.4.2.6 & 19.4.2.7,
- 3 Any application for issuing a subsequent, consecutive Interim ISSC shall be forwarded, via your office, to the BMA for consideration.

Ships and offshore units seeking voluntary compliance with the ISPS Code

We refer to SOLAS Diplomatic Conference Resolution 7 on the subject of ships and offshore units not covered by the provisions of SOLAS Chapter XI-2. The principle outlined in paragraph 10 of BMA bulletin no. 59 should be applied to these ships/units with the verification and certification process being as outlined in Para. 10.5 of the referenced BMA bulletin. The format of the Statement should be consistent with the form of the ISSC.

Thank you for your continued assistance and please feel free to contact us should you require any additional information and/or clarification.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DEH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Deputy Director.