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CIRCULAR TO SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND ALL RELEVANT PARTIES.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 OF THE ISM CODE.

Owners, operators and Masters are hereby reminded that Phase 2 of the ISM code will come into force on 1st July 2002. The second phase which covers “*other ships*” will affect: general cargo ships, survey vessels, containers vessels, ocean tugs, mobile offshore drilling units, reefer ships, car carriers, livestock carriers, cement carriers and wood-chip carriers, all above 500 gross tons on international voyages.

Certification of the ISM code is in two parts namely, the *Document of Compliance* (issued by the Marine Department) and the *Safety Management Certificate* (issued by the authorised Classification Society).

As a guideline, owners are to have their Safety Management manuals formulated and submitted to the Marine Department for reviewing. Once the reviewing process is completed, the Marine Department may at its discretion, issue the Interim Document of Compliance (normally 3 months validity) with the authorisation for Class to issue the Interim Safety Management Certificate. (normally 3 months validity). Over the following months, the company and vessels are to implement their Safety Management systems. Towards the end of the three months, the owners and vessel should have adequate amount of documentation to be audited. The Marine Department shall carry out the office audit and normally one ship audit (ship sampling audit) for each type of vessel that the company operates. The Class society in turn shall carry out individual ship audits. All major or minor non-conformities arising from either the company audit or vessels audit are to be closed before the full term certificates may be issued.

Documents of compliance (full term valid 5 years) are subject to annual endorsements/ audits and renewal audits (every 5 years). Safety Management certificates (full term valid 5 years) are subject to an intermediate (every 2½ years) and a renewal (every 5 years) endorsement/ audits.

Owners are advised to take early action in initiating the management system on board to avoid a backlog of work for the Marine department and Classification society as the date line approaches.

SHIPS CLASSIFICATION MALAYSIA

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