To whom it may concern

Procedures for ships with dual certification of fitness (COF), type 2 and type 3 for Chemical tankers

Please be advised that the Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) accepts the type of dual ship certification, in regards to the COF for type 2 and type 3 for Chemical Tanker.

It is possible for the owner to change between COF type 2 and type 3 if the procedure for dual certification has been followed and completed by survey conducted by the Recognized Organisation (RO).

The direct electronic/online access to the status of all statutory surveys and certificates provided to the DMA by the RO in accordance with section 8.4.3 of the agreement shall contain information on which certificate currently operating with date of change.

Procedure for dual certification:

1. At the request of the Owner of a Type 2 Chemical Tanker for additional certification as a Type 3 Chemical Tanker, the RO is to proceed with the issuance of the certification provided that the exemption from regulation 11 is in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4.1.3 of Annex II to MARPOL concerning the carriage of identified vegetable oils is granted by the Administration.

2. The RO shall reissue the Certificate of Class to reflect the dual ship type certification in place, whenever a Chemical Tanker is issued with the aforementioned dual certification.

3. The exchange of Certificates of Fitness for Type 2 Chemical Tanker to Type 3 Chemical Tanker and vice versa shall be carried out by the Master in accordance with the procedures established in the ship's Safety Management System (Company to define).

4. The Procedures and Arrangements Manual shall reflect the provision of dual certification. Approval of any needed changes to the
P&A Manual to be requested by the Company from the relevant RO.

5. As prescribed by the procedures contained within the Safety Management System, the Master shall ascertain that the cargo intended for loading corresponds fully with the list of cargoes annexed to the Certificate of Fitness in use by the vessel.

6. The Certificate of Fitness for Type 2 Chemical Tanker or Type 3 Chemical Tanker, not in use, shall be kept in the custody of the Master (i.e. kept in sealed envelope in Master’s safe).

7. The Master shall make an official entry in the ship’s log on every occasion of change in chemical tanker type.

8. The scope and extent of statutory surveys shall be those applicable to a Type 2 Chemical Tanker regardless of whether the chemical tanker is operating as or downgrading to a Type 3 Chemical Tanker at the time of the surveys.

9. Upon satisfactory completion of annual/intermediate statutory surveys, the surveyor from the RO is to endorse both the Certificate of Fitness for Type 2 Chemical Tanker and that for Type 3 Chemical Tanker.

Yours sincerely,

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Memorandum to be imposed:
• VESSEL ISSUED WITH DUAL SHIP TYPE CERTIFICATE
  OF CLASS AND CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS FOR SHIP
  TYPE 2 & SHIP TYPE 3.
  AT A CHANGE OF FLAG IT SHOULD BE VERIFIED THAT THE NEW
  FLAG PERMITS DUAL SHIP TYPE CERTIFICATES BEFORE MORE
  THAN ONE CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS IS ISSUED.
“Checklist items” for the Master’s assistance in connection to change of ship type without surveyor attendance:

1. Master to acknowledge receipt of orders from Company, in writing, for change of ship type;

2. Master to provide for change of ship type with due regards to all relevant instructions in the approved P&A Manual;

3. Master to ensure official entry to be made in the ship’s deck log:

4. Master to ensure corresponding Certificate of Fitness to be posted / placed in valid certificates file;

5. Master to ensure the other held Certificate of Fitness (not in use) to be placed in sealed envelope and kept in Master’s safe;

6. Master to notify the Company and RO, in writing, upon completion of change of ship type (written notification could contain specific information in relation to ship type in use, but Company to define own requirements within SMS).

Compliance with defined/agreed procedures will be monitored by the RO at each vessel and company ISM audit, as part of the normal random sampling process.

Port State Control and other officials are requested to take note of above. In case of questions please do not hesitate to contact the DMA.