Following review of comments received regarding our instructions dated 8 August 2007 this office has deemed it necessary to revise the said instruction.

Please find hereunder the revised instruction that repeals the one issued on 8 August 2007.


* At the request of the Owner of a Type 2 Chemical Tanker for additional certification as a Type 3 Chemical Tanker, all Recognized Organizations are to proceed with the issuance of the certification provided that the “exemption” 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 this office. The RO shall notify this office whenever a Chemical Tanker is issued with the aforementioned dual certification.

* 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. The Procedures and Arrangements Manual shall reflect the provision of dual certification.

* 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. The un-associated Certificate of Fitness for Type 2 Chemical Tanker or Type 3 Chemical Tanker, as applicable, shall be kept in the custody of the Master.

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

* 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.

* Upon satisfactory completion of annual/intermediate statutory surveys, the Surveyor of the Recognized Organization is to endorse both the Certificate of Fitness for Type 2 Chemical Tanker and that for Type 3 Chemical Tanker.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

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