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PSC Focused Inspection Program to be conducted by AMSA (The fifth stage)

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To whom it may concern

Please be kindly informed of the followings in relation to the recent status of the Port State Control (PSC) undertaken by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

The ship owners and ship management companies managing ships entering Australian ports are requested to pay due attention especially to routine maintenance of the relevant equipment and to management of personnel onboard.

The focused inspection regime has been implemented by AMSA in addition to their usual PSC activities. According to the Marine Notice 10/2002 attached hereto, the areas at the fifth part of the program, which will start on 31 March 2002 and rup to 31 July 2002, are MARPOL issues, specifically:

- i. Oily Water Separators and disposal of oil residues;
- ii. Oil Record Book; and
- iii. Garbage Management.

(Note) "AMSA Marine Notice" website: http://www.amsa.gov.au/amsa/mn/mn_2002.htm

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Attachments: AMSA Marine Notice 10/2002

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PORT STATE CONTROL - FOCUSED INSPECTION REGIME

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to the next stage of the implementation of the enhanced inspection regime to be conducted within the current Port State Control frame work and during unscheduled visits. The purpose of this program is to focus on six specific areas of the subject vessels operation, which have been identified by AMSA as requiring special attention.

This program has a life of two years and commenced at the beginning of December 2000. The focus of the enhanced inspection program changes every four months which will allow the six areas to be addressed over the two year life of the program. It should be noted that this focus on specific areas will not detract from the normal coverage AMSA's Port State Control activities.

In order to ensure adequate coverage it is also planned that inspections concentrating on the selected area of interest alone will be conducted in addition to AMSA's programmed Port State Control inspections. These will take the form of unscheduled visits at a time to be determined by the local AMSA offices.

As a result of problems identified during routine PSC inspections and a number of pollution incidents the fifth focused inspection program will examine MARPOL issues, specifically:

- i. Oily Water Separators and disposal of oil residues;
- ii. Oil Record Books; and
- ii. Garbage Management.

Where deficiencies are noted during the focused inspection the ship will be required to take appropriate rectification action, as is the case with normal Port State Controls activities. As such should a deficiency be found which warrants detention the vessel will be detained until such stage as rectification action has been completed. This fourth part of the program will start on 31 March 2002 and run to 31 July 2002.

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