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Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration, Seafarers & IMO Member States

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VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND (VOC) MANAGEMENT PLANS

According to MEPC Resolution 176(58), which shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, Regulation 15.6 of the revised MARPOL Annex VI requires that oil tankers of 400 gross tonnage (GT) and above carrying crude oil, have on board and implement a ship specific VOC Management Plan approved by the Administration.

Plans should be drawn up according to Resolutions MEPC.185(59) "Guidelines for the Development of a VOC Management Plan" and MEPC.1/Circ.680 "Technical Information on Systems and Operation to Assist Development of VOC Management Plans".

Ship owners and managers who require their VOC Management Plan to be approved by this Administration should contact a Recognised Organisation (Class Society) which has an Agreement for the Delegation of Statutory Services with this Administration to arrange approval of the VOC Management Plan. By this Maritime Circular, we give notice that all Recognised Organisations who have an Agreement with this Administration for the Delegation of Statutory Services are hereby authorised to conduct VOC Management Plan approval in accordance with the Convention requirements, including the Resolutions as stated above.

Separate approval by this Administration is therefore not required.

Please be guided accordingly.

Yours truly,

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