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TO : Ship Owners, Managers, Charterers, Ship Master and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT : Launch of Concentrated Inspection Campaign on fire safety systems arrangements commencing from 1 September to 30 November 2012 by Paris and Tokyo MOUs on Port State Control.

The Paris and the Tokyo Memoranda on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign with the purpose to ensure compliance with SOLAS 74, as amended, Chapter II-2 / Construction – fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction arrangements on board ships, which will last for 3 months, commencing from 1 September to 30 November 2012. Other MOUs may also carry out the Concentrated Inspection Campaign on the same item during this period.

For the implementation of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign, during a Port State Control inspection conducted under the regional ship selection criteria within the Paris and Tokyo MOU regions, the fire safety arrangements, maintenance records and other applicable documentation will be verified in more detail for compliance with SOLAS 74, as amended, Chapter II-2.

During this campaign, Port State Control Officers will use a list of 12 selected items to verify critical areas for the shipboard fire safety systems, some of which are related to documentation, equipment and crew familiarisation.

Please be guided by the enclosed questionnaire which the Port State Control Officers will be using for their concentrated inspection. When the deficiencies are found, actions by the Port State Control Authority may vary from recording a minor deficiency requiring the vessel to rectify within a certain period to detention of the vessel until the serious deficiencies have been rectified. In case of detention, the Paris MOU and Tokyo MOU will publish a monthly list of all detentions on their web sites.

After the campaign, the results will be analysed and findings will be submitted to the IMO for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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