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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED REGULATION 13G
AND REGULATION 13H OF MARPOL ANNEX I**

Communication received from the Administration of Hong Kong, China

A communication has been received from the Administration of Hong Kong, China, with regard to the policies adopted by Hong Kong, China, in allowing, suspending, withdrawing or delivering the application of relevant requirements under MARPOL Annex I revised regulation 13G and new regulation 13H when they come into force on 5 April 2005.

In accordance with the provisions of the revised regulation 13G(8)(a) and (b) and regulation 13H(8)(b) of MARPOL Annex I, the above-mentioned communication, annexed hereto, is circulated to the Parties to the Convention for their information and appropriate action, if any.

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(Attn.: Mr. Jean-Claude Sainlos)

Dear Sir,

Amendments to MARPOL Annex I - Single Hull Tankers

In accordance with Resolution MEPC.111(50) Annex I and Annex II, we would like to inform IMO that the policies adopted by Hong Kong, China in allowing, suspending, withdrawing or declining the application of relevant requirements under MARPOL Annex I Regulation 13G and 13H when the amendments come into force on 5 April 2005.

The enclosed table detailed the policies of Hong Kong, China in the application of Regulation 13G and 13H to allow continued operation of single hull tankers and in permitting or denying entry of single hull oil tankers into the Hong Kong waters. In general, we follow the Annex I amendments in phasing out single hull tankers except relaxation would be granted to tankers less than 20 years old from their delivery date to operate beyond 2010.

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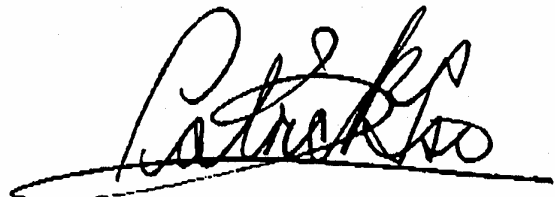
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Thank you for your kind attention and should you have any query, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick C.H. TSO', written over a horizontal line.

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Chief/Maritime Policy (Ag.)
for Director of Marine

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Annex 1Policy implementing the Regulations 13G and 13H of MARPOL Annex I for Hong Kong registered single hull tankers

Regulation & application	Extension allowed by MARPOL 73/78	Entitled to deny entry under Reg. 13G(8)(b) & 13H(8)(b)	Extension may be granted by HKMD
13G(5) for 5000 dwt and above, fitted with double bottom or double sides only, and carrying oil cargo except HGO. (existing partial double hull tankers)	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		Until 25 years after the delivery date but NOT beyond the anniversary date in 2015
13G(8)(b)(i)		From anniversary date in 2015	
13G(7) for 5000 dwt and above, single sided and carrying oil cargo except HGO	May extend until 2015 or 25 years after the delivery date, whichever is earlier.		Until anniversary date in 2015 or 20 years after the delivery date, whichever is earlier.
13G(8)(b)(ii)		According to phase-out dates stipulated in reg. 13G(4)	
13H(5) for 5000 dwt and above, fitted with double bottom or double sides only, and carrying HGO as cargo (existing partial double hull tankers)	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		No extension
13H(8)(b)		From 5 April 2005	
13H(6)(a) for 5000 dwt and above, single sided, and carrying crude oil higher than 900 kg/m ³ but below 945 kg/m ³	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		No extension
13H(8)(b)		From 5 April 2005	
13H(6)(b) for 600 dwt and above but less than 5000 dwt, single sided, and carrying HGO as cargo	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		No extension
13H(8)(b)		From anniversary date in 2008	

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Annex 2

Policy implementing the regulations 13G and 13H of MARPOL Annex I for single hull tankers to enter into Hong Kong waters

Regulation & application	Extension allowed by MARPOL 73/78	Entitled to deny entry under Reg. 13G(8)(b) & 13H(8)(b)	Deny entry into Hong Kong waters
13G(5) for 5000 dwt and above, fitted with double bottom or double sides only, and carrying oil cargo except HGO (existing partial double hull tankers)	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13G(8)(b)(i)		From anniversary date in 2015	From anniversary date in 2015
13G(7) for 5000 dwt and above, single sided and carrying oil cargo except HGO	May extend until 2015 or 25 years after the delivery date, whichever is earlier.		
13G(8)(b)(ii)		According to phase-out dates stipulated in reg. 13G(4)	From anniversary date in 2015 or 20 years after the delivery date, whichever is earlier.
13H(5) for 5000 dwt and above, fitted with double bottom or double sides only, and carrying HGO as cargo (existing partial double hull tankers)	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13H(8)(b)		From 5 April 2005	From 5 April 2005
13H(6)(a) for 5000 dwt and above, single sided, and carrying crude oil higher than 900 kg/m ³ but below 945 kg/m ³	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13H(8)(b)		From 5 April 2005	From 5 April 2005
13H(6)(b) for 600 dwt and above but less than 5000 dwt, single sided, and carrying HGO as cargo	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13H(8)(b)		From anniversary date in 2008	From anniversary date in 2008