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EQUIVALENT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER ANNEX I OF MARPOL 73/78

Communication received from the Administration of Belize

A communication has been received from the Administration of Belize on equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation 3(1) of MARPOL Annex I.

In accordance with the requirements of regulation 3(2) of the said Annex I, the communication, annexed hereto, is circulated herewith to Parties to the Convention for information and appropriate action, if any.



International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize

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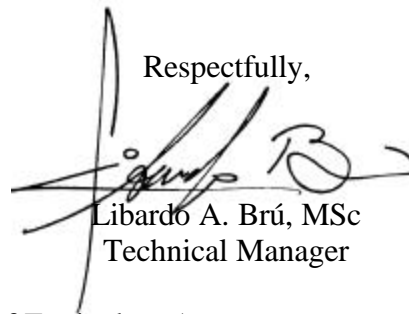
Dear Sirs,

Notification of Equivalency Submitted by Belize, concerning the use OWS in accordance with Regulation 3(2) of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78 for certain tankers.

This note is applicable only to the following ships: M/T “OCEAN TRADER” IMO 9236602; M/T “TROPIC BREEZE” IMO 7023180 ; M/T “OCEAN BREEZE” IMO 9282429; OCEAN ENERGY IMO 9282417; TROPIC TRADER IMO 7023180; ATLANTIC BREEZE IMO 8822571; ANDER IMO 8209224; M/T SEA TRADER 6618861. Reference is made to regulation 3(1) of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78.

Considering the limitations imposed by the Belize Registry to the above mentioned vessels in their trade, this Administration has considered the use of the OWS onboard the above mention vessels unnecessary and has accepted as an equivalent the use of holding tanks to retain oily mixtures onboard and the discharge of sludge and oil residues to reception facilities ashore as a more stringent measure and environmentally sound, than those normally required for tankers trading in the same area.

Respectfully,



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Enclosures: Sample Copy of Equivalent Arrangement.

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