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

Communication received from the Administration of Liberia

A communication has been received from the Administration of Liberia concerning the application of relevant provisions under MARPOL Annex I revised regulation 13G(5) and (7) and new regulation 13H(5), (6) and (7).

In accordance with the provisions of the revised regulation 13G(8)(a) and (b) and regulation 13H(8)(a) and (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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Dear Mr. Sainlos,

This letter communicates information regarding Liberia's application of the provisions contained in paragraphs (5) and (7) of the revised regulation 13G and paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) of new regulation 13H of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78, as amended. Liberia intends to apply these regulations to its registered oil tankers in the following manner:

- A Liberian registered oil tanker that meets the conditions of revised regulation 13G(5) will be allowed to continue operation until the date the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery.
- A Liberian registered oil tanker that meets the conditions of revised regulation 13G(7) will be allowed to continue operation until the anniversary of the date of delivery of the ship in 2015 or the date the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery, whichever is the earlier date.
- A Liberian registered oil tanker that meets the conditions of new regulation 13H(5) will be allowed to continue operation until the date the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery.
- A Liberian registered oil tanker that meets the conditions of new regulation 13H(6) will be allowed to continue operation until the date the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery.
- Liberian registered oil tankers will be exempted from new regulation 13H, provided the vessels operate in compliance with conditions of 13H (7).

Thank you in advance for circulating this information to other Parties.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs