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Dear Colleagues,

Further to my e-mail of the 17th November 2014, please note a slight change to the instructions (highlighted).

In respect of Section 9.2 of the agreement governing the delegation of statutory certification services between your esteemed Society and the Isle of Man Ship Registry, the Ship Registry wishes to inform of a change to the interpretation of 'Bulk Carrier' for vessels registered in the Isle of Man.

As noted at the MCA's BCC meeting of 31st October 2014, the Isle of Man will be applying the definition of 'Bulk Carrier' as contained within MSC 277(85) to all new or existing vessels wishing to register in the Isle of Man.

The application of MSC 277(85) will be as follows:

Vessels currently registered

Existing vessels constructed prior to 1st January 2009 may remain as currently defined. Vessels with a keel lay date between 1st January 2009 and 1st November 2014 may remain as currently defined, but will require to apply for a letter of acceptance from the Ship Registry as to the application of the definition.

Vessels not yet registered

Existing vessels constructed prior to 1st January 2009 may remain as currently defined. Vessels with a keel lay date between 1st January 2009 and 1st November 2014 may be accepted onto the register with their existing definition with the prior agreement of the Ship Registry if it is not practicable to meet the requirements of a 'bulk carrier', however will require to be issued with a letter of acceptance by the Ship Registry. All vessels with a keel lay date or in a position of build that it is practicable to meet the requirements of a 'bulk carrier' after 1st November 2014 are to meet the requirements of MSC 277(85) in its entirety.

In terms of the SOLAS definition for bulk carriers 'primarily to carry dry cargo in bulk' means that the vessel has been **primarily** designed to carry dry cargoes in bulk and to transport those cargoes which are carried, and loaded or discharged, in bulk, and which occupy the ship's cargo spaces **exclusively** or **predominantly**. In addition "includes such types as ore carriers and combination carriers" and "constructed generally with single deck, top-side tanks and hopper side tanks in cargo spaces" means that ships are **not** considered outside the definition of bulk carriers *on the grounds that they are not ore or combination carriers or that they lack some or all of the specified constructional features* as was previously indicated.

Therefore any vessel that is constructed and designed to primarily carry dry cargoes in bulk, no matter how constructed will be deemed to be a 'bulk carrier' (MSC 277(85) 1.5).

It should be noted that this does not preclude the carriage of cargoes other than bulk dry cargo, in which case the vessel will remain a 'bulk carrier', other ship types may **occasionally** carrying dry cargoes in bulk, provided that they comply with the requirements of MSC 277(85) 1.6 or 1.7 and in which case the vessels will not be deemed to be 'bulk carriers'.

All vessels to which this circular applies, if not a bulk carrier, but meeting the requirements of 1.5, 1.6 or 1.7 of the circular should be issued with a letter from your Society identifying that they are either:

- a) A ship meeting the definition of 1.5 of the Resolution and therefore not a bulk carrier; or
- b) A vessel which may **occasionally** carry dry cargo in bulk meeting the definition of 1.6 or 1.7 of the Resolution.

I would appreciate your confirmation of receipt and understanding of this e-mail.

Kind regards

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