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Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors / Shipowners / Ship Managers

Subject: Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code).

Dear Sirs,

Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. presents you great respect.

Hereby we inform you, that as per Resolution MSC.349(92) the RO Code entered into the force from 01 January 2015. The below mentioned amendments have become mandatory under:

1. Chapter XI-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (MSC.350(92)),

CHAPTER XI-1

SPECIAL MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SAFETY

Regulation 1 – Authorization of recognized organizations

11 The existing text of regulation 1 is replaced with the following:

"The Administration shall authorize organizations, referred to in regulation I/6, including classification societies, in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention and with the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code), consisting of part 1 and part 2 (the provisions of which shall be treated as mandatory) and part 3 (the provisions of which shall be treated as recommendatory), as adopted by the Organization by resolution MSC.349(92), as may be amended by the Organization, provided that:

(a) amendments to part 1 and part 2 of the RO Code are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the present Convention;

(b) amendments to part 3 of the RO Code are adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee in accordance with its Rules of Procedure; and

(c) any amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee are identical and come into force or take effect at the same time, as appropriate."

2. Chapter I of annex I to annex B of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (MSC.356(92)),

ANNEX I

Regulations for determining load lines

Chapter I General

Regulation 2-1 – Authorization of recognized organizations

1The existing text of regulation 2-1 is replaced with the following:

"The Administration shall authorize organizations, including classification societies, referred to in article 13 of the Convention and regulation 1(2) in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention and with the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code), consisting of part 1 and part 2 (the provisions of which shall be treated as mandatory) and part 3 (the provisions of which shall be treated as recommendatory), as adopted by the Organization by resolution MSC.349(92), as may be amended by the Organization, provided that:

(a)amendments to part 1 and part 2 of the RO Code are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article VI of the present Protocol;

(b)amendments to part 3 of the RO Code are adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee in accordance with its Rules of Procedure; and

(c)any amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee are identical and come into force or take effect at the same time, as appropriate."

3. Annex I and Annex II of the MARPOL Convention (MEPC.238(65));

Amendments to MARPOL Annex I

Regulation 6

The existing text of the last sentence of paragraph 3.1 is replaced by the following:

"Such organizations, including classification societies, shall be authorized by the Administration in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention and with the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code), consisting of part 1 and part 2 (the provisions of which shall be treated as mandatory) and part 3 (the provisions of which shall be treated as recommendatory), as adopted by the Organization by resolution [MEPC...], as may be amended by the Organization, provided that:

.1amendments to part 1 and part 2 of the RO Code are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article 16 of the present Convention concerning the amendment procedures applicable to this annex;

.2amendments to part 3 of the RO Code are adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee in accordance with its Rules of Procedure; and

.3any amendments referred to in .1 and .2 adopted by the Maritime Safety

Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee are identical and come into force or take effect at the same time, as appropriate."

Amendments to MARPOL Annex II

Regulation 8

The existing text of paragraph 2.2 is replaced by the following:

"Such organizations, including classification societies, shall be authorized by the Administration in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention and with the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code), consisting of part 1 and part 2 (the provisions of which shall be treated as mandatory) and part 3 (the provisions of which shall be treated as recommendatory), as adopted by the Organization by resolution [MEPC...], as may be amended by the Organization, provided that:

.1amendments to part 1 and part 2 of the RO Code are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article 16 of the present Convention concerning the amendment procedures applicable to this annex;

.2amendments to part 3 of the RO Code are adopted by the Marine

Environment Protection Committee in accordance with its Rules of Procedure; and

.3any amendments referred to in .1 and .2 adopted by the Maritime Safety

Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee are identical and come into force or take effect at the same time, as appropriate."

Kindly be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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