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Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors / Shipowners / Ship Managers

Subject: Amendments to the International Safety Management Code (ISM Code).

Dear Sirs,

Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. presents you great respect.

Kindly be informed that as per IMO Resolution MSC.353(92) the amendments were done to the International safety Management Code (ISM Code), which become mandatory from 01st of January 2015.

Kindly find below text of amended regulations:

PART A – IMPLEMENTATION

6. RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL

The existing text of paragraph 6.2 is replaced with the following:

"6.2 The Company should ensure that each ship is:

- .1manned with qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers in accordance with national and international requirements; and
- .2appropriately manned in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations on board*.

* Refer to the Principles of minimum safe manning, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.1047(27)."

12. COMPANY VERIFICATION, REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The following new paragraph 12.2 is inserted after existing paragraph 12.1 and the existing paragraphs 12.2 to 12.6 are renumbered as 12.3 to 12.7:

"12.2 The Company should periodically verify whether all those undertaking delegated ISM-related tasks are acting in conformity with the Company's responsibilities under the Code."

Footnotes and paragraph for foreword of the publication of the Code

1 In paragraph 1.1.10, the following footnote is added after the words "Major non-conformity":

"Refer to the Procedures concerning observed ISM Code major non-conformities (MSC/Circ.1059-MEPC/Circ.401)."

2 In paragraph 1.2.3.2, the following footnote is added after the word "account":

"Refer to the List of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety and security-related non-mandatory instruments (MSC.1/Circ.1371)."

3 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 3:

"Refer to the Guidelines for the operational implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Companies (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5)."

4 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 4:

"Refer to the Guidance on the qualifications, training and experience necessary for undertaking the role of the Designated Person under the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6)."

5 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 8:

"Refer to the Guidelines for a structure of an integrated system of contingency planning for shipboard emergencies, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.852(20), as amended."

6 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 9:

"Refer to the Guidance on near-miss reporting (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.7)."

7 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 11:

"Refer to the Revised list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships (FAL.2/Circ.127, MEPC.1/Circ.817 and MSC.1/Circ.1462)."

8 The following new paragraph is added to the foreword of the publication of the Code:

"The footnotes given in this Code are inserted for reference and guidance purposes and do not constitute requirements under the Code. However, in accordance with paragraph 1.2.3.2, all relevant guidelines, recommendations, etc. should be taken into account. In all cases the reader must make use of the latest versions of the referenced texts of the document specified in a footnote, bearing in mind that such texts may have been revised or superseded by updated material."

Kindly confirm receipt and acknowledgment of Circular Letter 004/2015 by signing and returning to the Head Office Receipt Form.

Yours faithfully,

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Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd.

