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## Circular Letter 001/2023

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Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors, Shipowners, Ship operator, Managing Companies

Subject: Focused Inspection Campaign –trial<sup>1</sup> **Pilot Transfer Arrangements** under PARISMOU.

According to guidance produced by the International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA) in collaboration with the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), Pilots have the right to decline to board vessels offering defective ladders, which can result in serious delay. Pilots are also entitled to report defects in boarding ladders to port state control authorities, which could lead to a full PSC inspection with the risk of delay and financial penalties. A pilot who has climbed a sound ladder, well rigged, and attended by an officer and a deck party will be in the right frame of mind to give his best attention to the safety of the vessel.

The purpose of the campaign on Pilot Transfer Arrangements aims to confirm that:

- Equipment condition; safety signs
- Certification of pilot ladders in use
- Securing points for pilot ladder
- If broken steps on pilot ladder
- Adequate length on pilot ladder (s)
- Supporting lines if damaged
- Lifebuoy with self-igniting light if readily available at pilot's embarkation area
- Boarding equipment's maintenance records

This inspection campaign will be held for one month, commencing from the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 and ending the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. The CIC inspections will be applicable for all ships and conducted in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection.

Kindly be guided accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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