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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies

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**PULP WOOD TIMBER DECK CARGOES – SECURING**

Certain Port State Control authorities have advised the Gibraltar Maritime Administration that they will detain any vessel with a timber deck cargo which is not stowed and secured in accordance with the **Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes 1991 (The Timber Code)**

SOLAS 74 Chapter VI Regulation 5 require cargo to be secured to prevent *'as far as is practical, throughout the voyage, damage or hazard to the ship and the persons on board, and the loss of the cargo overboard.'*

The Gibraltar Maritime Administration considers that reliance on gravity to provide this requirement is unacceptable.

The nature of timber deck cargoes is such, that uprights are required. They should meet the requirements of paragraph 4.2 of the Timber Code.