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

Safety Alert concerning portable CO2 fire extinguishers manufactured by TOTAL

1. The attached Safety Alert re the portable CO2 fire extinguishers manufactured by TOTAL between 2006 and April 2011 has been issued.
2. Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies are to made aware of this Safety Alert and take the actions contained in it

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Maritime Administrator

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SAFETY ALERT

- TECHNICAL No. 36

Faulty safety equipment – 2 kg and 5 kg
aluminium CO2 fire extinguishers
manufactured between 2006 and April 2011

It has been brought to MCA attention via Lloyd's Register Classification News that TOTAL, a manufacturer of portable CO2 fire extinguishers has contacted Lloyd's Register to advise that faulty extinguishers have been identified in service. In a small number of cases the valve has failed and released unexpectedly.

The affected extinguishers are 2kg and 5kg CO2 aluminium cylinders and were manufactured between 2006 and April 2011. The screw thread on the valve cannot be seen.

The following brands are affected:

TOTAL - Classic K2A, Classic K5
COSMOS - COSMOS K5
Hansa
Hoening
IBS
Neuruppin
Optimal
NWF
Stoll-Luxemburg
Waßmann

Due to the possibility of the valves failing and causing injury, the affected extinguishers must not be touched or moved. Owners and operators must identify any possibly affected extinguishers on board their vessels and contact the manufacturer for advice immediately.

TOTAL has provided a product notice, issued with this Classification News, to help clients identify affected equipment.

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