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Training and certification requirements for masters, officers and ratings on oil and chemical tankers

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers, Local Representatives

References:

MARPOL Annex II – Regulation 1
STCW Convention Annex Chapter V Regulation V/1-1
STCW Code Part A Chapter V Section A-V/1-1 – Mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualifications of masters, officers and ratings on oil and chemical tankers.

Background:

A number of Gibraltar registered tankers are classed as “Oil/Chemical Tankers” but may be engaged solely in operations as an oil tanker.

The Annex to STCW Convention, as amended, Chapter V A-V/1-1 specifies the specialist training required for personnel on oil tankers and chemical tankers. It does not provide any exemption from these requirements for a ship that has been classed to include the carriage of chemicals but is engaged solely as an oil tanker.

Special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships: Annex to the STCW Convention, as amended, Chapter V. :

The special training and certification requirements for personnel serving on Gibraltar registered tankers classed as Oil Tankers, Chemical Tankers or Oil / Chemical tankers are as follows:

1. All personnel on tankers classed as Oil Tankers, Chemical Tankers or Oil/Chemical Tankers shall comply with STCW Annex Chapter V Reg. V/1-1 Paragraph 1 & 2
2. Masters, officers and any person with immediate responsibility for cargo operations on tankers classed as Oil Tankers shall comply with STCW Annex Chapter V Reg. V/1-1 Paragraph 3 & 4

3. Masters, officers and any person with immediate responsibility for cargo operations on tankers classed as Chemical Tankers shall comply with STCW Annex Chapter V Reg. V/1-1 Paragraph 5 & 6
4. Masters, officers and any person with immediate responsibility for cargo operations on tankers classed as "Oil/Chemical Tankers" shall comply with STCW Annex Chapter V Reg. V/1-1 Paragraph 3, 4, 5 & 6

The operators and owners of ships classed as Oil/Chemical Tankers which are operated solely as oil tankers may reduce the above training requirement to that required for an oil tanker by applying to the relevant classification society to change the class notation from Oil / Chemical Tanker to Oil Tanker or to suspend the "Chemical" notation.

MARPOL & STCW Definitions:

Oil tanker means a ship constructed and used for the carriage of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk.[]

Chemical tanker means a ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in chapter 17 of the International Bulk Chemical Code.

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