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Subject: Requirements for mandatory installation of stability instrument for oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers

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

References: MEPC 66

Background: The amendments of applicable international convention and codes stipulating mandatory installation of stability instruments for oil tankers, chemical tankers, and gas carriers were adopted at MEPC 66 and will ***enter into force on January 1st, 2016***

Contents of the amendments

All oil tankers, chemical tankers, and gas carriers are to be fitted with a stability instrument, capable of verifying compliance with intact and damage stability requirements approved by the Administration / RO approved by the Administration by the date designated in applicable convention or codes. Details on each applicable ship and the designated date for application of the amendments are summarized in Table below

Summary Table of Applicable Ships and Designated Dates of Application

Type of Ship	Applicable Ship	Designated Date
Oil Tankers and Chemical Tankers	Ships constructed on or after 1 January 2016	Completion date
	Ships other than above	At first scheduled renewal survey of IOPP Certificate and/or Chemical Certificate on or after 1 January 2016 but not later than 1 January 2021
Gas Carriers	Ships constructed on or after 1 July 2016	Completion date
	Ships to which GC Code and EGC Code apply (Ships constructed before 1 July 1986)	At first scheduled renewal survey of Gas Certificate on or after 1 January 2016 but not later than 1 January 2021
	Ships other than above	At first scheduled renewal survey of Gas Certificate on or after 1 July 2016 but not later than 1 July 2021

A stability instrument already fitted on a ship before 1 January 2016 (in the case of a gas carrier to which IGC Code applies, 1 July 2016) need not be replaced, provided it is capable of verifying compliance with intact and damage stability to the satisfaction of the Administration / RO approved by the Administration.

Notwithstanding the above requirements, a stability instrument already fitted on a ship before 1 January 2016 (in the case of a gas carrier to which IGC Code applies, 1 July 2016) need not be replaced provided it is capable of verifying compliance with intact and damage stability to the satisfaction of the Administration / RO approved by the Administration.

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