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Subject:

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

References: SOLAS Reg II-2/15.2.2.6

Background: Onboard training and drills

- In addition to the fully charged spare cylinders required by the regulations for each Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), where no means for recharging such cylinders is provided on board, sufficient additional spare cylinders must be provided for training purposes.
- Factors to be considered by the ship owner when deciding upon the number of training cylinders to be provided include the requirements in the Safety Management System for the number/frequency of drills on board where SCBA cylinders may be used, and the nature of the vessels trading pattern with respect to shore based charging facilities.
- Cylinders intended for training purposes should be prominently marked to indicate their intended use.
- The Safety Management System must take account that at least one fully charged spare cylinder for training purposes must be provided for each SCBA set required by regulation to be on board.
- If additional training SCBA sets are provided on board (each with a fully charged training cylinder), then the equivalent number of SCBA sets required on board by regulation need not be provided with a spare cylinder for training purposes.

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