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To all Owners, Managers
And Representatives of
Ships registered in Cyprus

**Subject: Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on SOLAS Chapter III -
Lifeboat Launching Arrangements**

The Maritime Authorities of Paris MOU and Tokyo MOU will carry out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) focussing on compliance with SOLAS Chapter III - Lifeboat Launching Arrangements. The Campaign will be conducted during the period 1st September 2009 to 30th November 2009.

During the CIC, port State control officers will check the related areas based on the following questions:

1. Does the ship have davit-launched lifeboats?

Maintenance and Records

2. Do records indicate that lifeboats have been launched and manoeuvred in the water in accordance with SOLAS requirements?
3. Do records indicate that the 1.1 dynamic load tests of the winch brake have been carried out?
4. Do records indicate that the launching arrangements (falls, lifeboats, on-load release and davits) are regularly maintained?
5. Are the means of attaching the lifeboat hook assemblies to the lifeboat in a satisfactory condition?

Operational Safety

6. Have the hazards associated with the launching and recovery of lifeboats been identified (ISM)?
7. Are any procedures or instructions implemented on-board relating to the hazards identified in Q6?
8. Are all key personnel familiar with the procedures for the launch and recovery of lifeboats?
9. Is the crew familiar with relevant IMO documentation and guidance including MSC Circulars 1205 and 1206?

On Load Releases

10. Are on load releases fitted?
11. Can the ship's crew describe an understanding of the operation of the on-load release, including interlocks as appropriate?
12. Are clear operating instructions for use of the on-load release, in the working language of the ship, provided with a suitably worded warning notice?
13. Is the release mechanism designed so that crew members in the lifeboat can clearly observe when the release mechanism is properly and completely reset and ready for lifting?
14. Is the release control clearly marked in a colour that contrasts with its surroundings?
15. Does it appear that the hooks and release arrangements, including any interlocks, are correctly set?
16. Does it appear that the lifeboat on-load release mechanisms are in a satisfactory condition?

Davits and Winches

17. Does it appear that the davits and winches are in a satisfactory condition?
18. Do all the sheaves and other moving parts, including limit switches, operate correctly?
19. Is the centrifugal winch brake operating satisfactorily in "freefall" mode and the manual brake automatically reapplying upon release?

Drill

20. If conducted, was a drill performed satisfactorily?

Owners and managers are urged to take all appropriate actions to avoid unnecessary detentions of their ships.

The present circular should be kept on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.

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