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

**Subject: CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN
(CIC) ON BULK CARRIERS**

In order to promote the safety of bulk carriers in the Asia-Pacific region, the Committee of the Tokyo MOU agreed, during its 12th meeting, to conduct a concentrated inspection campaign on structural safety of bulk carriers.

The members of the Tokyo MOU are now prepared and ready to undertake this campaign from 01 September to 30 November 2003. The campaign will target bulk carriers, as defined in SOLAS 74 IX/1.6, which are above 15,000 GT and more than 12 years old, particularly those carrying high density or corrosive cargoes and trading on the spot market.

The attached press release is self – explanatory.

The countries which are members of the Tokyo MOU are the following:
Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Fiji, Hong Kong China, Indonesia,
Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea,
Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu, Vietnam.

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

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