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Subject: International Maritime Organization - Public Consultation on Administrative Burdens in Maritime Regulations

The 27th regular session of the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted, *inter alia*, resolution A.1043(27) on the *Periodic review of Administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments*. In doing so, IMO has acknowledged that facilitating better regulation is a necessary step towards releasing resources from administrative tasks for Administrations and industry alike, thus contributing to the Organization's goals of efficient regulation of safety and security of shipping and the prevention and control of pollution by ships.

2 An administrative requirement arising from a mandatory IMO instrument is defined as an obligation to provide or retain information and data and an administrative burden is an administrative requirement that is, or has become, unnecessary, disproportionate or even obsolete.

3 The IMO has started a process that is seeking to alleviate administrative burdens. In this respect, it has launched a public internet consultation (accessible through <http://www.imo.org/OurWork/rab>) which will be conducted until 31 October 2013. The aim of the consultation is to receive inputs from stakeholders on which administrative requirements are considered to be burdens.

4 The Department encourages the participation in the public consultation and advises that IMO also welcomes ideas on how to ensure better regulation in IMO. Such ideas should be submitted to the following email address: AdministrativeBurdens@imo.org

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