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To all Owners Managers
and Representatives of ships
under the Cyprus flag


Subject: Oxygen analysis and gas detection equipment

I refer to the above subject, and to the 1992 SOLAS 74 amendments to Chapter VI - Regulation 3 which came into force on 1st January 1994 and advise you as follows:

1. These amendments are binding on Cyprus flag vessels.
2. Regulation 3 of Chapter VI states, inter alia,
"When transporting a bulk cargo which is liable to emit a toxic or flammable gas, or cause oxygen depletion in the cargo space, any appropriate instrument for measuring the concentration of gas or oxygen in the air shall be provided together with detailed instructions for its use."

Such instruments shall be of an approved type. This Administration accepts instruments which are approved by the competent authorities of the country of manufacture for use on its national flag fleet.

3. Therefore, all Cyprus flag vessels, when carrying bulk cargoes with the above prescribed properties, must be furnished with oxygen analysis and gas detection equipment. Owners and Masters must ensure that the manufacturers' instructions are followed by the responsible members of the crew for their effective and safe use.


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