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## REGIONAL FERRY (SINGAPORE REGISTERED) OWNERS AND OPERATORS

### IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT CODE (ISM CODE) FOR REGIONAL FERRIES

Further to the Marine Circular to shipowners, No. 7 of 1996 "Implementation of International Safety Management Code (ISM Code)" dated 30 Oct 96, all ferry owners and operators are reminded that ISM Code will be implemented internationally on passenger ships plying on international voyages from 1 Jul 98 by maritime authorities which are party to the 1974 SOLAS Convention. Accordingly, the ISM Code will be applicable to all regional ferries holding the following certificates :

- 30-Mile Limit Passenger Ship Safety Certificate ; or
- Passenger Ship Safety Certificate for a Short International Voyage.

2. Owners and operators are advised that a Safety Management System (SMS) shall be in operation for a period of at least 3 months prior to the assessment and issuing of the Document of Compliance (DOC) and Safety Management Certificate (SMC). In other words, in order to be assessed for compliance with the ISM Code, an SMS shall be in operation before 1 Apr 98.

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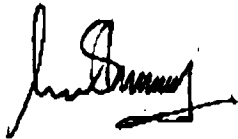
3. The following organisations are authorised to conduct assessments and issue DOC to companies operating Singapore ships and SMC to Singapore ships under the ISM Code :

- a. American Bureau of Shipping
- b. Bureau Veritas
- c. China Classification Society
- d. Det Norske Veritas
- e. Germanischer Lloyd
- f. Korean Register of Shipping
- g. Lloyd's Register of Shipping
- h. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
- i. Registro Italiano Navale

4. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will not conduct assessment and issue DOC and SMC. However, it will closely monitor the implementation status of the ISM Code on Singapore ships and will carry out Flag State Control inspections for the verification of compliance with the ISM Code.

5. Regional ferry owners and operators are strongly urged to commence the preparation for the ISM Code certification as soon as possible.

6. Any queries concerning this circular should be directed to Mr Tan Hook Seng (Tel: 3756216) or Mr Wong Len Poh (Tel: 3756206).



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