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To: All Shipping Companies, Related Departments of CCS, CCS Surveyors and Auditors

Notice on Navigation Lights not as per COLREG 1972 from AMSA

All shipping companies,

Recently, AMSA sent this classification society a reminder email (see the attachment). Mentioned in the email, over the last few months AMSA has seen an alarming increase in the number of vessels arriving in Australian ports with modified navigation lights (either the globe is the wrong colour or the screen painted the wrong colour).

Having investigated the reason for the apparent sudden increase by AMSA, it appears to be most prevalent where the vessel has transited the Singapore straits.

Local (MPA Singapore) regulations require vessels transiting the Singapore strait to display three all-round green lights in a vertical line on, or near, the main mast. Whilst some vessels have a portable arrangement that can be hoisted to comply with this regulation, others chose to either change the globes or paint the lenses of the Christmas tree lights(Suez canal lights) and this is creating the problem as the vessel can no longer display warning lights as stipulated in the COLREG 1972.

Moving forward, AMSA PSCO's will be paying more attention to this during PSC inspections and will detain if the vessel cannot display the correct warning lights prior to the inspector completing his/her inspection.

For more details, please refer to the annex to this Information.

It is recommended by CCS that shipping companies had better equip a portable arrangement which display three green light in a vertical line to the vessels transiting the Singapore strait, and the crews are forbidden to change light color and location without permission.

It is recommended that CCS surveyors should verify the color and location of the navigation lights according to the SE record in SE survey.

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It is hereby notified!

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