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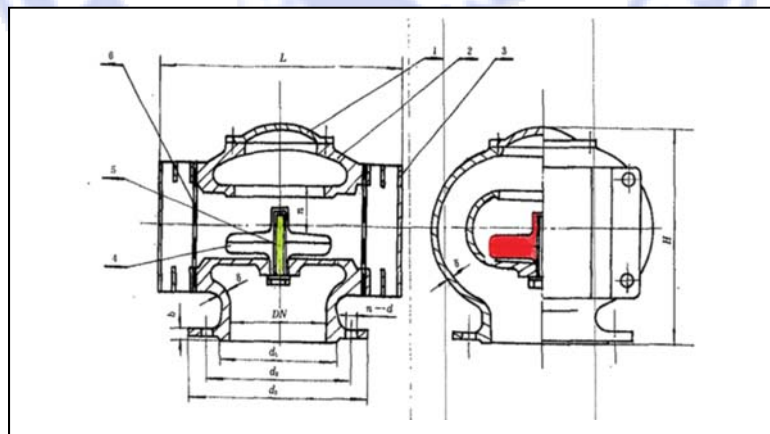
## Australian Ship Safety Information

### --- Air Vent for Ballast Tank and Fuel Oil Tank

Air vent located on main deck for ballast tank and fuel oil tank played a critical functions and ALWAYS was inspected by PSCO. <CCS Bulletin (No.17) > ever raised a reminder to crew staff on how to make self-checking to air vent for ballast tank and fuel oil tank.

Unfortunately, a quite few of vessel was detained by AMSA still for the defective air vent for ballast tank and fuel oil tank recently.

As a supplementary reminder to <CCS Bulletin (No.17) > for Float Disk Type air vent for ballast tank and fuel oil tank (as indicated in below picture) , for this type of air vent, the float disk, rubber ring inside of air vent MUST be kept in good working condition all the time, furthermore, the cover plate on the top of air vent body MUST also be kept in watertight condition.



It was noted failing to kept cover plate in watertight condition will result in vessel detention for the possible reason of mounting bolt broken, cover plate deformed and/or

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seriously rusted and even holed.

Following picture indicating failing to keep watertight between cover plate and air vent body, for which AMSA detained the vessel.



Although some float disk kept in good working condition, the inside supporting structure member rim for rubber ring rusted seriously as pictured below (noted the rubber ring was glued on the supporting structure member). In this situations, rubber ring will fall off when it encounter heavy sea water or overfilled ballast water, which will also cause vessel detention. (Please note: the rubber ring was removed off deliberately for picture purpose)



Hereby, your attention was drawn to make sure all the air vent for ballast tank and fuel oil tank was dismantled for checking by crew staff one by one and kept in good working conditions before vessel visiting Australia.

Meanwhile, Company make sure plenty of air vent spare parts always provided on board.



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Announcement:

1. Intention is to assist and ensure owners to understand and well prepared, ensuring all updated requirements from AMSA can be met
2. For more information, please visit AMSA website at [www.amsa.gov.au](http://www.amsa.gov.au) and CCS website at [www.ccs.org.cn](http://www.ccs.org.cn)
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