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PORTUGUESE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT | Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Recycling of Ships, 2009

To | Owners/Operators/Companies of Portuguese Ships, Recognized Organizations, Masters of Portuguese Flag Ships

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REFERENCES | Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Recycling of Ships, 2009

1. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this circular is to inform the procedure to be implemented, established by this Administration, in order to comply with the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Recycling of Ships, adopted on 15 May 2009, and entering into force on 26 June 2025, which shall be applied over Portuguese flag ships.

2. APPLICATION

The Hong Kong International Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships was adopted in May 2009 aiming to address the environmental, health and safety aspects related to ship recycling.

Upon entry into force, this Convention will require new ships of 500 GT and above entitled to fly the flag of a Party or operating under its authority, to have onboard an approved Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) (Part I only) and corresponding valid International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IC), which documents ship-specific information on the actual hazardous materials present on board in order to protect health and safety of the crew, and to

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protect health and safety of works at ship recycling facilities and avoid environmental pollution when the ship is going for recycling.

Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials shall be properly maintained and updated throughout the operational life of the ship, reflecting new installations containing Hazardous Materials.

Accordingly, existing ships shall comply, as far as practical, with the previous, not later than five years after the entry into force of this of this convention, or before going for recycling if this is earlier.

Prior to recycling the Inventory shall, in addition to the properly maintained and updated Part I, incorporate Part II for operationally generated wastes, and Part III for stores, as well as a valid International Ready for Recycling Certificate.

As for the application of this Convention, new ships, means a ship:

- For which the building contract is placed on or after 26 June 2025; or
- In the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 26 December 2025; or
- The delivery of which is on or after 26 Jun 2027

The certificates issued under this Convention do not replace the certificates required under Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013.

The requirements for the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) under this Convention do not substitute the IHM required under Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

An assurance of compliance with the requirements of this Convention, as of their date of entering into force, shall be carried out by Recognized Organizations with an agreement with the Portuguese Administration.



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3.1. GENERAL SCHEDULE APPLICATION

Ships to which this Convention applies are entitled to the following:

- An initial survey, conducted accordingly, which upon a successful completion, an International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials is issued. This survey shall verify that Part I of the Inventory is in accordance with the requirements of this Convention;
- A renewal survey, at intervals not exceeding five years. This survey shall verify that Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials complies with the requirements of this Convention. An International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials shall be issued after a successful completion;
- An additional survey, either general or partial, according to the circumstances, may be made at the request of the shipowner after a change, replacement, or significant repair of the structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and material. The survey shall be such as to ensure that any such change, replacement, or significant repair has been made in the way that the ship continues to comply with the requirements of this Convention, and that Part I of the Inventory is amended as necessary; and
- A final survey, prior to the ship being taken out of service and before the recycling of the ship has started, to incorporate Part II and III, resulting in a valid International Ready for Recycling Certificate.

The initial and renewal surveys should be harmonized with the surveys required by other applicable statutory instruments of the Organization.

3.2. PARTICULAR SCHEDULE APPLICATION

Portuguese flag ships, to whom a Statement or Document of Compliance has already been issued, and with validity extending beyond 26th June 2025, by a Recognized Organization with an agreement with the Portuguese Administration, in compliance with the Convention, may have their International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) issued without requiring an additional shipboard inspection, provided that the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM Part I) has been properly maintained and updated as per the applicable requirements, during an attendance on board at the first scheduled annual survey.



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Remaining Portuguese flag existing ships shall be subject to an initial survey, which upon a successful completion, an International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials is issued, at the time of the next annual survey.

In the case the Recognized Organization which is to issue the International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials is not the same which the ship is Classed, and by whom a Statement or Document of Compliance has already been issued, with validity extending beyond 26th June 2025, upon notifying the Administration, a Certificate may be issued administratively, provided that the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM Part I) has been properly maintained and updated as per the applicable requirements.

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