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STS Operations

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TO:

- (I) ALL OWNERS OF JAMAICAN SHIPS
- (II) MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF JAMAICAN SHIPS

1-Subject – Prevention of pollution during transfer of oil cargo between Oil Tankers at Sea

2-References- (a) Resolution MEPC.185.(59)

(b) Summary New regulations 40,41,42

Amendments to MARPOL Annex I (New chapter 8)

Dear all

That is to inform you that


Cargo between oil tankers at sea regulations was entered into force on January 1, 2012

This regulations will apply to oil tankers of 150 gt and above engaged in the transfer of oil Cargo between oil tankers at sea (STS Operations) and STS Operations conducted on or after April 1, 2012

They will not apply to bunker transfers or to oil transfer operations associated with fixed or Floating platforms, including drilling rigs, floating production and storage

The requirements are as follow

- Any oil tanker involve in STS operations will be required to have on board an approved STS operations plan no later than the first annual, intermediate or renewal survey on or after January 1,2012. Once a plan is approved, all STS operations will be required to be carried out in accordance with it
- All STS Operations are to be recorded in the ORB and retained on board for at least three years
- The person in overall advisory control of STS operations is to be qualified to perform all relevant duties
- The appropriate authority is to be notified at least 48 hours in advance of any STS operations that will take place within their territorial waters

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To assist owners and operators in preparing STS plan, MAJ can produced a plan and the check list.

Implication

Ship owners of oil tankers will be required to have an approved STS operations plan on board.

National Administrations and/or their RO will need to approve the plan in timely manner
 Builder/designer may be requested as a part of new build contract to provide an approved STS plan

Application Oil Tankers of 150 gt or above, which carry out ship to ship cargo oil transfer

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