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Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors / Shipowners / Ship Managers

Subject: Amendments MARPOL, Annex I, Regulation 12.

Dear Sirs,

Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. presents you great respect.

Kindly be informed, that as per IMO Resolution MEPC.266(68) the amendments have been accepted to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, ANNEX I, Regulation 12, which will become mandatory from 01st of January 2017.

Kindly find below the text of amendments:

AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEX I

Chapter 3

Requirements for machinery spaces of all ships

Part A

Construction

Regulation 12 – Tanks for oil residues (sludge)

Paragraphs 1 to 4 of regulation 12 are replaced by the following:

"1 Unless indicated otherwise, this regulation applies to every ship of 400 gross tonnage and above except that paragraph 3.5 of this regulation need only be applied as far as is reasonable and practicable to ships delivered on or before 31 December 1979, as defined in regulation 1.28.1.

2 Oil residue (sludge) may be disposed of directly from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s) to reception facilities through the standard discharge connection referred to in regulation 13, or to any other approved means of disposal of oil residue (sludge), such as an incinerator, auxiliary boiler suitable for burning oil residues (sludge) or other acceptable means which shall be annotated in item 3.2 of the Supplement to IOPP Certificate Form A or B.

3 Oil residue (sludge) tank(s) shall be provided and:

- .1 shall be of adequate capacity, having regard to the type of machinery and length of voyage, to receive the oil residues (sludge) which cannot be dealt with otherwise in accordance with



- the requirements of this Annex;
- .2 shall be provided with a designated pump that is capable of taking suction from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s) for disposal of oil residue (sludge) by means as described in regulation 12.2;
 - .3 shall have no discharge connections to the bilge system, oily bilge water holding tank(s), tank top or oily water separators, except that:
 - .1 the tank(s) may be fitted with drains, with manually operated self-closing valves and arrangements for subsequent visual monitoring of the settled water, that lead to an oily bilge water holding tank or bilge well, or an alternative arrangement, provided such arrangement does not connect directly to the bilge discharge piping system; and
 - .2 the sludge tank discharge piping and bilge-water piping may be connected to a common piping leading to the standard discharge connection referred to in regulation 13; the connection of both systems to the possible common piping leading to the standard discharge connection referred to in regulation 13 shall not allow for the transfer of sludge to the bilge system;
 - .4 shall not be arranged with any piping that has direct connection overboard, other than the standard discharge connection referred to in regulation 13; and
 - .5 shall be designed and constructed so as to facilitate their cleaning and the discharge of residues to reception facilities.

4 Ships constructed before 1 January 2017 shall be arranged to comply with paragraph 3.3 of this regulation not later than the first renewal survey carried out on or after 1 January 2017."

Kindly confirm receipt and acknowledgment of Circular Letter 008/2016 by signing and returning to the Head Office Receipt Form.

Yours faithfully,

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