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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 07-19

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: INSPECTION OF TANK VENT HEADS

Date: 28 February 2019

This Marine Safety Advisory (MSA) supersedes MSA No. 08-18.

Please be advised that the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) continues to note several Port State Control issues relative to the condition of tank vent heads. There have been numerous heads found with missing, broken, and wasted parts. These issues have been found on vessels of varying ages ranging from new delivery to existing vessels in service. Owners and operators are urged to open and inspect these vent heads every three (3) months.

Examples of issues found are provided in the photographs below.



Damaged plastic disk



Missing disk and post



Gasket slipped off



Broken Post/missing gasket

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.

Examples of issues found are provided in the photographs below.



Detached post



Warped Disk/Missing gasket



Missing/broken post



Post too short, disk slipped off