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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers and Classification Societies

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Port State Control Detention due to MARPOL Violation**

Early this year, about 6 m<sup>3</sup> of bilge water was discharged overboard from a Hong Kong registered ship without passing through the oily water separator. In the Oil Record Book, false entry was made and stated that the bilge water was discharged overboard through the oily water separator.

Four weeks later, during a PSC inspection the PSC officer found that there was no record in the data-logger of the oily water separator for the above-mentioned bilge water discharge. Later the Chief Engineer and Fourth Engineer admitted that the 6 m<sup>3</sup> of bilge water was discharged overboard without passing through the oily water separator and the ship was then PSC detained.

With respect to the above-mentioned MARPOL violation, we would like to draw your attention that under the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations, Cap.413A, Laws of Hong Kong SAR, any seafarer commits such kind of offence, if convicted, will be subject to a fine of HK\$500,000.

In order to avoid such kind of intentional MARPOL violation, all ship managers, ship masters and engineers are urged to review the effectiveness of the shipboard safety management system and ensure accurate entry of Oil Record Book.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact the Cargo Ships Safety Section as follows:

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Yours faithfully,



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