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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Managers, and Agents

Port State Control / SOPEP- SMPEP manuals

Port State Control

Paris MOU has announced a campaign on GMDSS arrangements running from September to November 2005. PSC Inspectors will check the functionality of the equipment as well as the designated operators and their familiarity with the use of the installations.

Tokyo MOU has announced a campaign on operational requirements also running from September to November 2005. PSC Inspectors will check whether operational matters as requested by SOLAS and MARPOL have been properly dealt with. It includes test drills, records, as well as maintenance requirements as per SOLAS Chapters II-2, III, IV, and V and MARPOL Annex 1 and 5.

Owners and operators are advised to implement preparations on Gibraltar registered ships to prevent any deficiencies being recorded.

SOPEP/SMPEP manuals

It is a requirement of MARPOL that ship owners keep an updated list of Coastal State Contacts in the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans (SOPEP) and the Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans (SMPEP). The list should contain the communication data of all coastal states, which have to be contacted in case of an oil spill or NLS near their coast.

IMO publishes a list annually in December of Coastal State Contacts. In addition to this numbered publication, the IMO also provides un-numbered updated versions quarterly, via the Internet.

Owners and operators are therefore recommended to maintain an updated version on board all Gibraltar registered ships. The publication can be found under the following address: www.imo.org >national contacts>contact points> [MEPC.6/CIRC.10 \(ANNEX 2 for SOPEP\)](#)

All notices of all categories will be posted on the Department of Shipping's website which can currently be accessed through www.gibmaritime.com and the links to port / registry of ships. As part of plans for an upgraded website the Department of Shipping will be introducing a restricted area (accessed through a password) for its clients.

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