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Sub: Port State Control (PSC) detention of Indian flag vessel for want of re-circulating device for oil filtering equipment, as per the IMO's MEPC.60(33) requirement- req.

- 1. One of the Indian flag vessels [a 1995 built 'Bulk Carrier' of 85845 GT], was recently detained by the Port State Control under the Tokyo MoU. The detainable deficiency thereof was described as "Re-circulating device for oil filtering equipment not provided as per MEPC.60 (33) requirement".
- 2. The oily water separator (OWS) installed on the vessel was manufactured by a reputed company and was provided with the type approval certificate, in accordance with the resolution MEPC 60 (33) of the International Maritime Organisation (IM0). However, the PSCO [Port State Control officer] had observed that the vessel was not provided with a re-circulating device for oil filtering equipment, in accordance with the para 6.1.1 of the IMO's MEPC 60(33), which states that "Re-circulating facilities is required to be provided to enable the oil filtering equipment to be tested with the overboard discharge valve closed during the initial and periodic surveys".
- 3. In view of the above, all ship owners/ managers are advised to be guided by the IMO's MEPC.60(33) & MEPC 107(49), as applicable and to ensure that the recirculating device for oil filtering equipment is provided to meet the requirement of the afore mentioned resolutions.
- 4. This is issued with the approval of the Chief Surveyor with the Govt. of India.

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