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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 24-17

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

**Subject: AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY POSITION ON THE
INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION CERTIFICATE**

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Though Australia will not de-harmonize International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificates from the Harmonized System for Survey and Certification (HSSC), the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has announced that it will accept foreign-flagged ships, arriving in Australia, with de-harmonized IOPP and HSSC Certificates, provided the vessel's flag Administration has allowed the de-harmonization.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") permits such de-harmonization through §2.3.3 of RMI Marine Guideline [2-14-1](#) and its Recognized Organizations (ROs) per RMI [Technical Circular No. 25](#). This Marine Safety Advisory (MSA) confirms the position of the RMI that its Administrator allows such de-harmonization, if elected by the ship owners or operators.

For any ship that has de-harmonized the IOPP Certificate, the Administrator encourages owners and operators to place a copy of this MSA on board when calling at Australian ports.

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.