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## TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

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### **Acceptance of the Exemption Clause for Vegetable Oils in the Revised MARPOL Annex II**

#### **1.0      Introduction**

- 1.1      The revised Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 was adopted on 15 October 2004 by Resolution MEPC.118(52), and entered into force on 1 January 2007. Also with effect from 1 January 2007, vegetable oil cargoes have been moved to Chapter 17 of the IBC Code, and must accordingly be carried only on Type 2 Chemical Carriers.
- 1.2      Regulation 4.1.3 of MARPOL 73/78, Annex II (revised) provides some relaxation for individually identified vegetable oils from the carriage requirements under MARPOL 73/78, Annex II, Regulation 11 (revised).
- 1.3      The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") supports the exemption provision of Regulation 4.1.3 of MARPOL 73/78, Annex II (revised).

#### **2.0      Authorization**

- 2.1      For each instance in which the exemption provision of Regulation 4.1.3 of MARPOL 73/78, Annex II (revised) is sought, a notification in writing shall be forwarded by the RO to the Administrator, to the attention of Technical Services, providing relevant details of the application. This would be contingent on the subject vessel being a Type 3 Chemical Tanker, and in full compliance with the provisions of Regulation 4.1.3 of MARPOL 73/78, Annex II (revised) and all other applicable Chemical Code and MARPOL Annex II (revised) requirements.
- 2.2      The Administrator will authorize the issuance of an IBC Code Certificate of Fitness for Type 3 Chemical Tanker and its concurrent maintenance onboard with the IBC Code Certificate of Fitness for Type 2 Chemical Tanker. In each instance where upgrading or downgrading between Type 2 and Type 3 notations is being utilized, it shall be subject to certain criteria as outlined in a formal authorization letter that will be provided by the Administrator when sought as per 2.1 above.

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