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To: ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Copy: All Full and Associate Members (for information)

INDIA PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS – ADDENDUM NO.1 TO DGS ORDER 5 OF 2019

Action required: *Members are invited to note the information provided with respect to Addendum No.1 to India's order prohibiting the use of Single Use Plastics onboard ships and circulate it as appropriate.*

Members will recall recent circulars regarding India's prohibition on the carriage, use and discharge of single-use plastics and, the subsequent revision of its implementation schedule for the order permitting all ships to continue operating in Indian waters and ports and, discharge plastic waste to port reception facilities in accordance with MARPOL Annex V.

Members are advised that the Indian Directorate General of Shipping has now issued Addendum No.1 to the Order, which is provided at **Annex A**. The addendum is intended to ease implementation of the prohibition order, and to provide clarity with respect to the definition of Single Use Plastics. In particular, the addendum:

- Defines Single Use Plastics (SUP) as "disposable plastics which are used only once and then thrown away the user". The definition of SUP includes only those items, which are completely made of plastics, and items such as juice/milk packets / tetra-packs with plastic lining or caps are not included. Biodegradable plastic with a stamp, marking or certificate from the manufacturer or something similar shall not be considered for prohibition. The definition does not include all those plastic items, which are re-used on ships. Non-biodegradable multi-layered packaging shall also be considered for prohibition. The prohibition excludes cargo related items and Packaging. Crew and passenger personnel effects are excluded from the prohibition at the present time. Items such as Personal Protective Equipment. medicines. Medicinal equipment, life-saving appliances.

tire fighting appliances, and other statutory items used on such equipment, which are made up of SUP or contained in SUP are also excluded.

- Recommends that ships prepare an execution plan for the handling of single use plastics onboard and, in particular, that they prepare an inventory of single use plastic on board ship by 31 January 2020 for Cargo Ships or 31 March 2020 for passenger ships. Ships which do not prepare execution plans and inventories are likely to be subject to more stringent controls in accordance with the prohibition.
- Provides an implementation plan for the prohibition such that cargo ships calling at an Indian Port or in Indian territorial waters will have 50% of their single-use plastics be prohibited on 1 April 2020, 75% on 1 July 2020 and 90% on 1 October 2020.
- Clarifies that waste reception facilities shall continue to be provided at all Indian ports through Swachh Sagar Portal including for disposal of single use plastic items. However, such items should be segregated and marked for disposal.

Members are invited to note the information provided and circulate it as appropriate. Any questions, reports or comments pertaining to the prohibition or, other similar prohibitions encountered elsewhere should be provided to the undersigned (john.stawpert@ics-shipping.org).

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