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TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sirs

ISM (INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT) CODE

The ISM Code is now in force in relation to the vessel types required to comply by 1 July 1998. Members are reminded that in accordance with Rule 8.7, they are required to ensure that valid Certificates are held in relation to ISM.

Port State Control Inspectors have already reported instances of safety systems not having been properly implemented at the time of certification, despite audits said to have been carried out by bodies acting with the authority of Flag States. Although these reported instances do not involve vessels entered in this Association, Members are nevertheless reminded that to comply with Rule 8.7, not only is certification required, but also compliance with the Code. Where there is a failure to meet the requirements of the Rule, there will be no recovery of claims from the Association except at the discretion of the Committee.

Yours faithfully
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