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**TO ALL MEMBERS**

Dear Sirs

**CONFIRMATION OF SHIP ENTRY IN THE ASSOCIATION**

In May 2002 the Association issued a circular (5:312) noting that Shipowner Members are from time to time required to provide, to a number of third parties such as governments, port authorities and charterers, evidence that they have P&I insurance cover in place. The circular suggested means by which that evidence might most efficiently be given, essentially involving carriage of the Association's certificate of entry in the Association on board each ship. Requests continue to be received from time to time for more specific statements in respect of the insurance: for example that it covers particular types of claim. This information is, however, already available by reference to the certificate of entry. As noted in the earlier circular, the giving of a confirmation of cover by the Association, directly to a third party, may in some jurisdictions give rise to obligations to that party outside the terms of the insurance.

Another type of request received by the Association is for it to issue a confirmation of insurance that refers to national or local laws or regulations. To undertake the research necessary to support such confirmations would be impractical, because it would require knowledge of the laws of all the states to which the Association's Members trade their ships, as well as changes to those laws.

As noted in the earlier circular, the Association maintains an up to date and searchable list of entered vessels on its website ([www.lssso.com](http://www.lssso.com)). The list is accompanied by an explanation of the extent to which it represents any commitment to third parties. The data underlying the search facility is updated at least once every 24 hours i.e. to reflect any changes to the list as quickly as possible. Parties requesting confirmations of cover should, therefore, be referred to that list.

Access to this information and the Member's certificate of entry should be sufficient to satisfy third party enquiries.

Yours faithfully  
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