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Circular CAM 03/2020

Subject: **Ships fitted with Dynamic Positioning Systems.**

To: All Accredited Shipping Managers, ship owners, ship operators, Designated Persons Ashore, Masters of Luxembourg flagged ships and Recognised Organisations.

The present Circular supersedes Circular CAM 09/2015 on the same subject.

Dynamic positioning (DP) is used by much of the offshore oil industry but other types of vessel, such as MODUs, oceanographic research vessels and cruise ships, may also be equipped with DP systems.

The installation of DP systems in the maritime industry has been expanding significantly over the recent years. Not surprisingly, classification societies are more and more often offering additional class notations (DP systems) in their certificates in order to reflect the presence and capabilities of such equipment onboard ships.

Given the fact that the criteria used by the classification societies authorised by this maritime administration are fully in compliance with the “Guidelines for vessels with dynamic positioning systems” of the IMO, no further action is therefore needed from Companies in order to fulfil the Luxembourg requirements.

The Commissariat aux affaires maritimes (CAM) recommends the use of the current Guidelines (MSC.1/Circ.1580) for vessels and units constructed on or after 9 June 2017.

For vessels and units constructed on or after 1 July 1994 but before 9 June 2017, the previous version of the Guidelines (MSC/Circ.645) may continue to be applied, however CAM recommends that section 4 (operational requirements) of the new Guidelines be applied **to all new and existing** vessels and units as appropriate.

In any case, should a “Flag State Verification and Acceptance Document” (FSVAD), based on MSC/Circ.645, or a “Dynamic Positioning Verification Acceptance

Document”, based on MSC.1/Circ.1580, be required, Companies are invited to contact their Recognised Organisations for issuing such document on behalf of the Grand-duchy of Luxembourg.

These documents will be valid for a period of five years and the equipment is subject to annual verification by the RO of the ship.

You are kindly requested to ensure adequate dissemination of this information within your company and to the relevant Luxembourg flagged vessels.



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