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***SAFETY CIRCULAR***

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TO: FLEET

**SUBJECT: OILY WATER SEPARATOR (OWS) MAGIC PIPES**

Dear Masters and Chief Engineers,

We had on our MT Biskra during last Port State Control at Cadiz a particular remark about magic pipes on board our vessel.

As could be noted a connection pipe was installed between the discharge lines of the sewage plant and the bilge tank.

Internal Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships 73/78, contain limits on the amount of oil which can be discharged at sea and it is the requirement that an Oil Discharge and Control Monitor System together with Oil Filtering Equipment to be fitted where oil content may not exceed the maximum permitted value as stated under MARPOL of 15ppm.

So called "**MAGIC PIPES**", whether fixed or flexible are strictly prohibited.

Possible overboard flange connections should be permanently closed in order to avoid any possibility for any irregular connection.

It has to be pointed out all liquid transfers to be logged in log books.

We want to point out a failure to comply with the record keeping obligations concerning the disposal and management of engine room and other waste are not covered by the club.

Any violation to the rules will lead to high fines, commercial losses and sentences. You will be jailed and fined in case of any violation.

There should not be any excuse for pumping oil overboard through pumps serving a dual purpose.

It should be ensured that all pipelines whether used for clean bilge or ballast water are free from oil contamination prior to using the bilge /ballast pump for direct overboard discharge.

Sludge tanks, waste oil tanks and oil drain tanks are not allowed to have any direct overboard connection (MARPOL 37/78 Annex 1, Regulation 17(3)).

In case of changes to a vessel bilge system, Class should always be informed and approval should be given by class for any changes by signed and stamped drawings.

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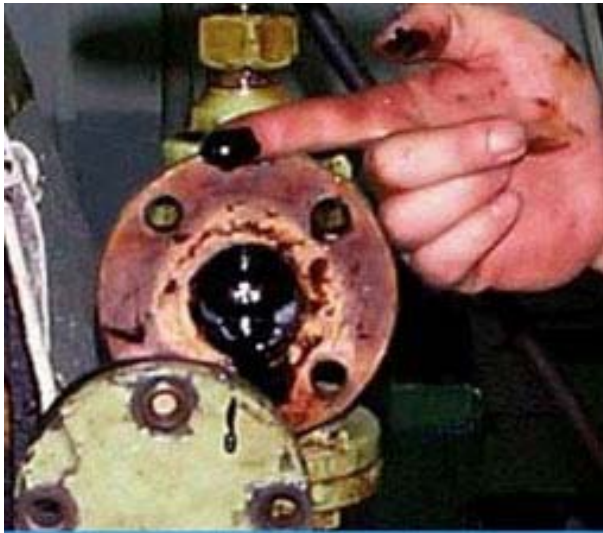
## ADDENDUM



Locking of overboard discharge valve in port.



MAGIC PIPE – Example



Evidence photo of oily bypass pipe



Oily bypass – checked by dismantling the overboard line connections