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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: EXECUTIVE AGENCY MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

RE: CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY ISSUED BY THE BULGARIAN

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Herewith, the Bulgarian Maritime Administration would like to inform all concerned shipowners, ship operators, manning agents, vetting inspectors and human resource departments of shipping companies that,

- the issued by this Administration Certificates of Proficiency, required by Chapter V and VI of the STCW, 1978 as amended are based on training courses which are fully in compliance with the relevant IMO model courses as to the topics and teaching hours,
- in the issued by this Administration Certificates of Proficiency is not entered the duration of the training, as it is not compulsory requirement by STCW, 1978 as amended,
- in the training courses which are leading to issuance of Certificate of Proficiency under Regulation V, Section A-V/1-1, para.2 (Advance Training in Oil Tanker Cargo Operations) the course covers also "Inert Gas Systems" and "Crude Oil Washing".

Yours faithfully,

Capt. Zivko Petrov, Executive Director,

Bulgarian Maritime Administration