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ENTRY INTO ENCLOSED SPACE –

IMO adopting Revised Recommendations for Entering Enclosed Spaces aboard Ships

By the enclosed **Annex 23** from the Maritime Safety Committee's 89th meeting you are advised of IMO's new recommendations for preparations of entry into enclosed spaces on board ships.

Companies' HSEQ responsible and personnel responsible of the safe operation of the ships are urged to study the enclosed copy of the Assembly's resolution, Annex 23. You are also urged to undertake instruction of shipboard personnel regarding proper risk assessment. It should be noted that IMO instructs companies to:

- "ensure that a risk assessment is conducted to identify all enclosed spaces on board the ship".

You should expect that inspectors, PSC officers and vetting inspectors alike will be assessing evidence of such communication from the DOC holder (company responsible under ISM). Moreover, it should be possible to show the paper tracks of adequate risk assessments conducted with relevant onboard personnel involved.

Please also study the enclosed **Appendix**, the sample Enclosed Space Entry Permit, and review these new guidelines against the work permit in your own safety management system.

Enclosures:

- [MSC 89/25/Add.1 Annex 23](#)
- [Appendix: Sample Enclosed Space Entry Permit](#)

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