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**IBC Code: New requirements to the *Certificate of Protection* in respect of Products Requiring Oxygen-Dependant Inhibitors**

Enclosed please find MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.14 with an amendment to the IBC Code.

In line with IMO's request to member state, the Faroese Maritime Authority brings the following information to your attention:

1. Please note the 2014 amendments to SOLAS and the IBC Code with respect to the application of inert gas when carrying low-flashpoint cargoes on ships constructed on or after 1 January 2016.
2. The related amendment to the IBC Code, paragraph 15.13.3.2 will now require the Certificate of Protection to state
  - *"whether the additive is oxygen-dependent and if so, the minimum level of oxygen required in the vapour space of the tank for the inhibitor to be effective must be specified."*
3. Please also note that this information provided on the Certificate of Protection should be taken into account in the operation of the inert gas system to ensure the oxygen level does not fall below the level indicated on the certificate.

Encl.: MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.14

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