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To: General Shipping Community

Dear Sir / Mdm

DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE GENERATED FROM VESSELS

The Chemical Control and Management Department (CCMD) of the National Environment Agency (NEA) observed a recent rise in the cases of disposal of asbestos waste generated from vessels calling at Singapore's port. Due to the inherent toxicity of asbestos fibre, such asbestos waste are generally sealed in impermeable bags/containers before they are transported to Semakau Landfill for direct landfilling.

2 In view of the limited lifespan of Semakau Landfill, it would be imperative to preserve its lifespan for as long as possible. Henceforth, with effect from **1 Jul 2022 onwards**, asbestos waste generated from vessels can only be allowed to be disposed in Singapore if the following two conditions are met : -

- (i) The vessel enters Singapore shipyard for repair works; **and**
- (ii) The asbestos waste are generated from local repair activities.

3 For further clarification, please contact Ms Siti Maisarah (siti_maisarah_mohd_noor@nea.gov.sg) and Mr Lee Chin Chian (lee_chin_chian@nea.gov.sg) for related matters.

Yours faithfully



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