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TO ALL PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SURVEYORS, SHIP OWNERS, OPERATORS, AGENTS, SHIP BUILDERS, NAVAL ARCHITECTS, MARINE DRAUGHTSMEN, MASTERS AND SKIPPERS.

TONNAGE COMPUTATIONS AND VESSEL MODIFICATIONS

1. Various vessels' owners are inconvenienced by Regulation 3 (d) of the Tonnage Regulations, 1986 [Government Notice No. R.1129 dated 6 June 1986] as amended, when the vessel undergoes alterations or modifications. Specifically this applies with respect to vessels formerly under 25 or 100 gross tons and when remeasured after modifications the gross tonnage then exceeds 25 or 100 gross tons respectively, thereby often changing the category in which the vessel was placed, and also substantially changing the manning, safety equipment, safety construction and registry requirements.
2. Existing ships which undergo alterations or modifications which, in the opinion of the Director-General deems to result in no substantial change in their gross tonnage may be exempted in terms of Section 4 (cA) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1951 [Act 57 of 1951]. Such exemption shall only be granted to vessels which in the opinion of the Principal Officer do not adversely affect the safety of the vessel and on condition that they meet the following criteria:
 - (i) the ship has in force a Local Tonnage Certificate;
 - (ii) the alterations or modifications do not alter the gross tonnage by more than 5% of the original gross tonnage; and
 - (iii) the vessel has adequate stability in her worst operational mode.

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3. Ship owners are reminded that before alterations/modifications take place to the vessel they are to submit plans pertaining thereto to the Principal Officer at the nearest Marine Division office. A modified general arrangement and lines plan may also be required.

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for DIRECTOR-GENERAL: TRANSPORT