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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In the Equivalent Arrangement under article I/13 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, published in STCW.2/Circ.43 at 23 February 2012, the following condition is mentioned:

“The ship is engaged in the short sea shipping in European waters under the jurisdiction of Member States of the European Union or another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, implying not exceeding 200 nautical miles of the European coast.”

Since the United Kingdom is no longer a member of the European Union as per 31 January 2020, the question raised if this Equivalent Arrangement is still valid in the territorial waters of the United Kingdom.

Since all the conditions stated in STCW.2/Circ.43 remain the same and the safety of the ships which make use of this Equivalent Arrangement is not affected, the Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate hereby declares that this Equivalent Arrangement can still be used in the territorial waters of the United Kingdom.

The conditions which are included in the Minimum Safe Manning Document (MSMD) of the ships that make use of this Equivalent Arrangement mention the same text as quoted above. As soon as the MSMD has expired and a new MSMD is applied for, an altered condition will be included which separately mentions the United Kingdom.

Meanwhile this statement can be added to the existing MSMD to be shown to local authorities in case questions are raised.

In the event that ship owners would require an amended MSMD regardless the above, this can be applied for and will be issued at the usual tariff.

