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RECOMMENDATION ON EXEMPTION OF SHIPS NOT NORMALLY ENGAGED ON INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS IN CHAPTER 4 OF MARPOL ANNEX VI

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its sixty-ninth session (18 to 22 April 2016), noting that chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI applies to ships engaged on international voyages and therefore recognizing the need for uniform application of exemptions from the requirements in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI, including the requirement for a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) on board a ship in the case a ship not normally engaged on international voyages undertakes a single international voyage, approved the *Recommendation on exemption of ships not normally engaged on international voyages from the requirements in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI*, as follows:

> A ship which is not normally engaged on international voyages but which, in exceptional circumstances, is required to undertake a single international voyage, may be exempted by the Administration from any of the requirements in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the Recommendation when exempting ships from the requirements in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI and bring it to the attention of Administrations, industry, relevant shipping organizations, shipping companies and other stakeholders concerned, as appropriate.

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