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PSC INSPECTION FOR ANTI-FOULING SYSTEM BEGINNING 17th SEPTEMBER

International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 will enter into force on 17th September 2008.

Japan has ratified the Convention in 2003 and will begin PSC inspection for the harmful effects of Anti-Fouling system on the same day as the Party to the Convention. The PSC Officers will conduct inspections to verify the compliance with the AFS Convention.

All ships, including the ships of non-Parties to the Convention, entering into the ports of Japan should carry the relevant documents such as IAFS Certificate on board. A sampling of the ship's anti-fouling system will be conducted according to the Convention, if necessary. The ship which is not complying with the AFS Convention will be detained.

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