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To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: BRAZIL ANNOUNCES NEW INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR AGING BULK CARRIERS

Date: 23 June 2017

Due to the recent casualties and structural deficiencies experienced by large, aging bulk carriers, Brazil has announced a new inspection requirement for aging bulk carriers.

All vessels of 18 or more years of age that are to load a cargo with a density of 1.78 t/m³ or greater, such as iron ore, are to be subject to an inspection by port State control upon arrival prior to the commencement of loading.

This requirement for the foregoing inspection is in addition to the annual mandatory condition survey that is to be conducted on bulk carriers, Oil/Ore (OOs) and Oil/Bulk/Ore (OBOs) of 18 or more years of age, as detailed in [NORMAM 04, Chapter 3](#).

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.