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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 13-17

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

Subject: INSPECTION OF TANK VENT HEADS

Date: 26 April 2017

Please be advised that the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) has noted several issues with Port State Control relative to the condition of Tank Vent Heads. There have been numerous heads found with missing, broken, and wasted parts. These issues have been found on vessels of varying ages ranging from new delivery to existing vessels in service. Owners and Operators are urged to open and inspect these vent heads every three (3) months.

Examples of issues found are provided in the photographs below.

![Missing disk and post](image1)

![Gasket slipped off](image2)

![Broken Post/missing gasket](image3)

![Detached post](image4)

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.
Examples of issues found are provided in the photographs below.

Warped Disk/Missing gasket  
Missing/broken post  
Post too short, disk slipped off