



TANKTECH Pressure Vacuum Valves

Merchant Shipping Notice No 70

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
Owners' representatives and Masters, and Officers*

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to the European Commission Opinion of 9 June 2005, on interim measures taken by the government of Denmark in respect of high velocity pressure/vacuum relief valves model NEW-ISO-HV manufactured by TANKTECH Co. in the Republic of Korea.

2. The full text of the Commission Opinion can be downloaded from:

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2005/c_148/c_14820050618en00040007.pdf

3. All Recognised Organisations have been instructed to examine the Pressure/Vacuum (P/V) valves fitted on board all oil tankers, chemical tankers, oil carrying combination carriers and other ships carrying liquid bulk cargoes, flying the Malta flag, during the first scheduled survey, for the purpose of identifying and recording the make, model, size and date of manufacture of the valves.

4. P/V valves of the model NEW-ISO-HV-80 which were manufactured or to which the mark referred to in Article 11 of Directive 96/98/EC was affixed, or to which a Certificate of Equivalence was issued **before 1 January 2003** are to be removed and replaced with approved P/V valves.

5. Furthermore, P/V valves of the model NEW-ISO-HV-80 which were manufactured or to which the mark referred to in Article 11 of Directive 96/98/EC was affixed, or to which a Certificate of Equivalence was issued **after 1 January 2003** are to be examined in order to ascertain that these conform to the type. Where upon examination those valves are found not to conform to the type, they are to be removed and replaced with approved P/V valves.

6. Managers of ships flying the Malta flag are hereby requested to take immediate action in line with the above and in full consultation with the vessel's recognised organisation, in order to remove any potential threat to the safety of the ships equipped with this model of valves. Instances requiring replacement of P/V valves in terms of paragraph 5 herewith are to be immediately communicated to this Directorate providing full details thereof.

Merchant Shipping Directorate
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