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Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Just to let you know that the International Maritime Organisation's subcommittee on ship systems and equipment agreed to put forward a prohibition on PFOS at its latest session 2 weeks ago:

- **Agenda item 12 - Development of provisions to prohibit the use of fire-fighting foams containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) for fire fighting on board ships**

The Sub-Committee, in line with the Union position, supported that the draft amendments in SSE 8/12 (Canada, Norway and United States), which set out a new section, for SOLAS CHAPTER II-2 and amendments to the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes, on a prohibition of use of fire-fighting foams containing PFOS for fire-fighting on board ships, should be used as the base document, while taking into account paragraph 11 of document SSE 8/12/1 (China), which introduces that the substances and fire extinguishing agent containing such substances, shall be delivered to appropriate shore-based reception facilities when removed from the ship. Eventually, the Sub-Committee endorsed the report of the working group and agreed to the draft amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2, and the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes on the prohibition of PFOS for submission to MSC 106 for approval and subsequent adoption.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

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