

INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

As the requirement for ships to have an inventory of hazardous material onboard draws closer, ship owners and operators, shipyards, and recycling facilities are assessing their current operations to find the right compliance solutions.

The primary regulations impacting the inventory of hazardous material are The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, not yet in force, and the EU Regulation No 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling (EU SRR) which entered into force on 30 December 2013 and is applicable to ships flagged with EU Member States and certain non-EU flagged ships calling on EU ports.

Essential to the implementation scheme of the Hong Kong Convention and the EU SRR is the development and maintenance of a document referred to as the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM), listing the type and amount of hazardous materials and their location on board. An IHM must be thorough and ship specific and updated throughout the life of a vessel to support an effective plan to discard hazardous material.

ABS ASSISTANCE

As a leading provider of classification and technical services to the global marine industry, ABS assists ship owners and operators in compliance with current requirements and helps

them to prepare for regulations that lie ahead. ABS has published the *ABS Guide for the Inventory of Hazardous Materials* which provides requirements for reviewing and verifying the initial IHM for newbuild and existing vessels and defines obligations for maintenance, verification and endorsement for vessels in service.

Beyond guidance and to further support effective compliance, ABS has developed the user-friendly IHM application which assists ship owners in systematically collecting information for the preparation of a Visual and Sampling Check Plan for

existing ships to develop Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials.

ABS can help owners and operators demonstrate their compliance with relevant regulations through a review of the IHM, surveys to verify the location of the hazardous materials on board that are listed in the IHM and issuance of associated review letters and Statements of Compliance.

An ABS team of subject matter and technical specialists are prepared to help deliver the right solution for your company. Contact us today via email at environmentalperformance@eagle.org.

