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Dear Sir,

SUB: DOUBLE HULL & DOUBLE BOTTOM REQUIREMENTS FOR DOMESTIC OIL TANKERS

The Department of Shipping presents its compliments to you and would like to draw your kind attention on the above subject matter.

This department is working on Double Hull & Double Bottom requirements for domestic (inland and coastal) oil tankers of capacity less than 5000DWT. Most of these tankers carry refined products, such as, diesel, octane, kerosene etc. Some of them carry furnace oil for power plants. These oil tankers operate through inland rivers having shallow draft. Under the above backdrop, please suggest us on following:

- a. Is there any policy or act in any country to deal Double Hull & Double Bottom requirements for small domestic oil tankers (below 5000DWT)?
- b. Is there any "Inland Vessel Rules of Classification Society" on Double Hull & Double Bottom requirements for small domestic oil tankers (below 5000DWT)?
- c. Do Double Hull & Double Bottom requirements apply to oil tankers if carrying refined cargo (diesel, octane, kerosene etc)?
- d. Is there is any document on the above issue that can help us to make decision on requirements of Double Hull & Double Bottom for inland vessels operating in Bangladesh?

Your early response will be highly appreciated.

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Best regards.

Yours sincerely

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