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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL  
ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001**

Article 9(1)(b) of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (the AFS Convention) states that, "Each Party undertakes to communicate to the Organization, on an annual basis, information regarding any anti-fouling systems approved, restricted, or prohibited under its domestic law." Article 9(2) of the AFS Convention states that the Organization shall make available, through appropriate means, such information.

The United Kingdom Government's Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in a letter dated 6 August 2002, addressed to the Director of the IMO's Marine Environment Division, informed that the United Kingdom Government's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) runs a website which contains information on approved anti-fouling products in the United Kingdom. The website address is [www.hse.gov.uk/hthdir/noframes/bluebook/Section3.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/hthdir/noframes/bluebook/Section3.pdf)

IMO Member Governments are encouraged to visit the above-mentioned website and also to provide information in accordance with Article 9(1)(b) of the AFS Convention.

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