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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 Swedish National Chemicals Inspectorate (KEMI), in a letter dated 12 May 2003, addressed to the Organization, informed that it runs a website, currently only available in Swedish, at <http://www.kemi.se> which contains information on approved, restricted and prohibited pesticides in Sweden. It should be noted that organotin paints do not appear on the list of registered products as registration of all such products in Sweden was ended on 31 October 2002. The website address for information specifically on approved and no longer approved anti-fouling products is <http://www.kemi.se/Kemi/Kategorier/Bekampningsmedel/Batbottenfarger/batbotten.html>.

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.
