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

Communication received from the Administration of Brazil

A communication has been received from the Administration of Brazil concerning the mandatory national legislation pertaining to the control of harmful anti-fouling systems on ships.

At the request of the Administration of Brazil, the above-mentioned communication annexed hereto is circulated to Member States for their information and future action as appropriate.

ANNEX



**BRAZILIAN NAVY
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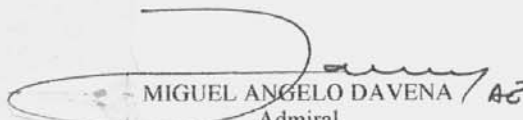
Dear Admiral Mitropoulos

The Brazilian Permanent Representation presents its compliments to you and, with reference to the issue of Anti Fouling Systems, has the honour to inform that, as part of Brazil's effort to preserve the marine environment and to implement the provisions of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, Brazil has recently adopted mandatory national legislation pertaining to requirements in accordance with the said Convention.

This legislation (NORMAM-23) shall apply to all Brazilian and foreign ships and will come into force as of 1st November 2007.

I enclose a note on the main requirements of this legislation and would be grateful if you could kindly arrange for this information to be circulated to all IMO Member States.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration


MIGUEL ANGELO DAVENA / AE
Admiral
Head of the Representation



BRAZILIAN NATIONAL LEGISLATION ON ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS

Brazilian national legislation on Anti-Fouling Systems was created based on the provisions of resolution A.895(21) and the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, as well as the Note by the Secretariat in document MEPC 55/13.

This legislation has taken the form of a Maritime Authority Norm, under number 23, (NORMAM-23) and will be enforced as of 1st November 2007.

The aforementioned norm will be applied to all Brazilian and foreign ships that fulfil one of two conditions:

- (a) Ships due for re-painting whilst in Brazilian waters; and
- (b) Freighted ships authorized as “temporary registered”.

Ships carrying a valid survey certificate will not require a hull painting inspection.

Detailed information about the referred regulation can be obtained at www.dpc.mar.mil.br

NORMAM-23 is available in Portuguese at the above site.

Queries can be forwarded to the Maritime Environment Management Secretariat of the Directorate of Ports and Coasts via email: sec09@dpc.mar.mil.br