



INTERTANKO Releases V5 of Questionnaire 88

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The Questionnaire 88, first issued in 1988 by INTERTANKO, has been periodically revised to include the most up-to-date information for assessing vessel suitability and risk when chartering tankers. The questionnaire, now in its 5th version, has long been the established industry standard for information on ships for commercial screening (vetting) purposes.

INTERTANKO's Vetting Committee, and its "Questionnaire 88 Working Group" headed by Capt. Ashley Cooper (Scorpio Ship Management S.A.M), has worked hard to ensure that the questionnaire is kept topical.

Capt. Cooper said: "This latest revision ensures that the Questionnaire 88 remains dynamic as it now actively maps the variants of OCIMF's Vessel Particular Questionnaire as they currently exist. The compilation of selected information in each Questionnaire 88 variant now affords the assessor the possibility of utilising relevant data in screening specific vessels by type."

The Questionnaire 88 was last revised in 2015 and this latest revision takes into account new questions and brings in changes to address new regulations specifically for the LNG/LPG/Chemical sectors. In order to support all the required information for each specific tanker sector, the Questionnaire 88 is now available in five different variants namely Oil, Chemical, Oil/Chemical, LPG and LNG.

The questionnaire will continue to be transferable between various parties' internal systems through the publishing of an XML version. All existing Questionnaire 88 data will automatically be migrated to the new version specific to each vessel; however, owners/operators are urged to check their ships' data to ensure that it is correct and up to date.

This revision has been carried out with the invaluable assistance of Q88 LLC which operates the website www.Q88.com

Fritz Heidenreich, President of Q88 LLC, said: “This revision incorporates recommendations and feedback that we have had from our subscribers since the last revision in 2015, demonstrating that the revised Questionnaire 88 is a collaborative effort for the benefit of our industry.”

Ongoing feedback and revisions will keep the questionnaires up to date, relevant and, as a result, widely used as an invaluable risk assessment tool.

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