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To the recognized organizations acting on behalf of Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration To whom it may concern	2026-06- _____ _____	No _____ No _____
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**REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF  
SHIPS, 2009 ON LITHUANIAN FLAGGED SHIPS**

The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (hereinafter – the Convention), which has been ratified by the Republic of Lithuania on 19 March 2026 (Law XV-774), will enter into force for the Republic of Lithuania on **7 August 2026**, in accordance with Article 17.3 of the Convention (HKSRC.1/Circ.29).

Consequently, ships to which this Convention applies will be required to carry a verified Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM with Parts as appropriate) and corresponding valid International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials (ICIHM). Ships to be recycled after 26 June 2025 will also be provided with International Ready for Recycling Certificate (IRRC).

Lithuania is a member of the European Union therefore Lithuanian flagged ships, to which Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on ship recycling and amending Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 and Directive 2009/16/EC (hereinafter – the EU Regulation) applies, are certified according to this EU Regulation.

By this letter the organizations recognized by the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration (hereinafter – the Administration) and acting on its behalf are authorized to issue International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials:

- a) At the first harmonized renewal survey on or after 7 August 2026, but not later than 26 June 2030, or
- b) If requested by the Company earlier, or
- c) Before going for recycling, if earlier.

For the International Certificate of Inventory of Hazardous Materials the format set out in Commission Implementing Decisions [\(EU\) 2026/121](#) of 19 January 2026 shall be used.

In case of International Ready for Recycling Certificate will be necessary to issue to destination for recycling purposes the requirements of the EU Regulation shall apply and must be followed. For the International Ready for Recycling Certificate the format set out in Commission Implementing Decision [\(EU\) 2026/116](#) of 19 January 2026 shall be used.

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**HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND  
ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009**

**Accession by Lithuania**

The Secretary-General has the honour to refer to the above Convention and to state that accession by the Republic of Lithuania was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 7 May 2026.

The instrument of accession of Lithuania was accompanied by the following declaration:

"In accordance with paragraph 6 of article 16, of the above-mentioned Convention, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania declares that the Republic of Lithuania requires explicit approval of the Ship Recycling Plan before a ship may be recycled in its authorized Ship Recycling Facility(ies)."

The Convention will enter into force for Lithuania on 7 August 2026, in accordance with article 17(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 31 Contracting States to the Convention.

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