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The International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (i.e. the IGF Code) applies to ships using natural gas as ship's fuel, other than gas carriers subject to the IGC Code.

Under the previous IGF Code Part A-1, paragraph 8.4.1, the connection of bunkering manifolds has been required to be of dry-disconnect type equipped with additional safety dry break-away coupling/self-sealing quick release. However, concerns have been raised about the lack of clarity in the previous paragraph 8.4.1 regarding the specific requirements or standards that should apply to the connection of bunkering manifolds.

To address the ambiguity, the IMO adopted amendments to paragraphs 8.4.1 to 8.4.3 of part A-1 of the IGF Code through resolution MSC.551(108) for entry into force from 1 January 2026. These amendments retroactively apply to all ships subject to the IGF Code, when bunkering LNG fuel on or after the implementation date. Accordingly, enclosed herewith please find the relevant technical information and required actions for your reference.

Kind regards,

Executive Vice President / Statutory Division Korean Register

Enclosure: LNG Bunkering Manifolds

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