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EU Approved ban against Tanktech P/V Valves.

Redraval of EC type-examination certificate number 11582/A1 for valves of model NEW-ISO-HV-80.

Due to an enguiry from the Danish Maritime Authority a close investigation has been carried out on Pressure / Vacuum valves of type and size as stated above. The ivestigation revealed that the booster disc installed does not confirm with the size on drawing. The notified body Bureau Veritas who had issued the type approval certificate acknowledge that NEW-ISO-HV-80 valves produced until 27th November 2002 were fitted with a booster disc of 150 mm, instead of the required 155 mm diameter, due to a mistake on drawing.

Action:

As a consequence of the finding and following testing, where the valves failed in test, the EU Commission recommends that the Member States ensure that the valves of the model NEW-ISO-HV-80 manufactured before 1st January 2003 by TANKTECH Co. Ltd are removed from the marked. Further the Commission urges the Member States to ensure that valves of that model that are installed onboard ships before and after 1st January 2003 are examined as soon as possible in order to ascertain that they confirm to the type. If upon examination those valves are found not to confirm the type, the Commission recommends that they are removed and that the case is reported to the Commission and to the Member States.

In practical terms this means that all valves of same type and size installed onboard Norwegian flagged vessels have to be examined and retested to ensure that they do not fail in service. All findings are to be reported to the Administration accordingly.

The recognized organizations have been instructed by NIS Circular no. 6/2005 enclosed. For further information please contact the classification society.

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