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Confirmation of Proper Classification of Tug/Barge Connection

Dear Sirs,

Based on information provided, and reviewed all relevant documents, Estonian Transport Administration hereby confirms that proposed approach is correct.

We confirm that classification of the subject to the MSC/Circ.866 is to be considered as Type B. Pusher tug-barge combination has following characteristics:

- The connection permits the pusher to move in relation to the barge;
- The connection system permits the pusher to be disconnected from the barge.

As a general principle, safety standards could be applied to a type B combination as to two separate ships.

Applicable RINA classification rules as a removable connection (within the meaning of RINA Rules, Part E, Chapter 14, Section 3) is relevant for this case.

Yours sincerely,

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