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Marine Notice

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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AGENTS, LIBERIAN AUDITORS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Requirements on Carriage of Publications On Board Ships

Reference: MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2 dated 1 June 2006

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Notice is to provide guidance to shipowners, operators, Master's, Liberian auditors and Recognized Organizations performing the ISM Code certification of IMO requirements on carriage of publications.

APPLICABILITY:

This Notice applies to all Liberian flag vessels.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.0** The publications explicitly required by IMO instruments to be carried on board ships are listed in the appendix to this Notice. IMO instruments such as the SOLAS, MARPOL, LL, COLREG and STCW Conventions deal with many operational aspects, *inter alia*, navigational responsibilities, safety-related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities and watchkeeping standards. Therefore, these publications, although not expressly required by IMO instruments, should be carried on board in order to improve the crew's knowledge and to enhance the implementation of IMO instruments. No deficiency should be filed by port State control authorities against ships not carrying such publications on board. However, a non-conformity should be filed by ISM auditors against ships not carrying such publications on board in accordance with Liberian regulations and/or the ship's Safety Management System (SMS).
- 2.0** The publications may be carried in the form of electronic media such as CD-ROM in lieu of hard copies. Acceptable publications in electronic form should be those issued by IMO or the Administration or a body authorized by the Administration to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. A medium could either contain one or more publications. In all cases, the media should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships' SMS, including procedures for timely update.

3.0 Electronic Equivalent

The Administration recognizes the “regs4ships” CD-ROM and/or Internet product provided by Regs4ships Ltd. as an electronic equivalent to Republic of Liberia requirements for the on board carriage of the Combined Publications Folder (CPF) RLM-300 and CPF RLM-300 CD-ROM. The Administration also recognizes this product as electronic equivalents for the on board carriage of SOLAS, MARPOL and STCW publications when these publications are referenced in the vessels Safety Management System.

Regs4ships Ltd. has agreed to provide this product to owners/operators of Liberian flag vessels for their company and vessel use. The Internet version is typically intended for use ashore by management companies and other shore based users and the CD-ROM version is typically meant to be used on board the vessel. The Internet version is updated in real-time and the CD-ROM version is updated every two (2) months. Vessels using the Internet version as their primary electronic equivalent must also carry the most recent 2 month CD-ROM version as back-up.

The product contains all publications in the CPF RLM-300 packaged together with fully updated digital copies of SOLAS, MARPOL and STCW. Both the Internet and CD-ROM versions have powerful search facilities and clear, easy to use keyword and category indexes. All publications are inter-linked. A Marine Notice issued by Liberia that refers to a SOLAS regulation is linked to that section in the digital SOLAS. Information on the product, including annual subscription rates and fleet discounts are available through their web site: www.regs4ships.com.

- 4.0** Notwithstanding paragraph 3.0 above, the publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies, bearing in mind that such publications need to be readily available for use in case of emergency without being restricted to a specific place and by the availability of a computer.

APPENDIX

Publications minimally required to be carried on board ships*

Name of publication	Required by	Applicable ship	Remarks
IBC Code	IBC, paragraph 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after 1 July 1986
BCH Code	BCH, paragraph 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built before 1 July 1986
IGC Code	IGC, paragraph 18.1.3	Gas Carriers	Built after 1 July 1986
International Code of Signals**	SOLAS V/21.1	All Ships	
IAMSAR Manual Volume III**	SOLAS V/21.2	All Ships	
Nautical Charts & Publications	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	Also see Marine Notice NAV-001 issued by Liberia
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, paragraphs 1.2.3 and 11.3	All Ships	Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship's SMS manual.

Note: * All publications on board ships, regardless of format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected up to date. In cases where copies of Republic of Liberia Regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not be carried on board.

** These publications for emergency use should always be available on board ships in the form of hard copy.