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CIRCULAR TO SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND ALL RELEVANT PARTIES.

## **IMO Ship Identification Number** **– SOLAS Chapter XI, Reg.3**

Owners, Operators and Masters are hereby informed the Marine Department has made compulsory Regulation 3 of SOLAS Chapter IX. All passenger ships above 100 gross tons and cargo ships above 300 gross tons will have to be provided with a ships identification number provided by the International Maritime Organisation. The ship identification number will be inserted on the Ship's certificate of Registry and all Certificates issued under the IMO Convention.

The following ships are exempted from the above requirement:

- Vessels solely engaged in fishing
- Ships without mechanical means of propulsion
- Pleasure yachts
- Hopper barges
- Floating docks
- Search and Rescue Vessels.

How to obtain the number?

1.) For new ships or ships under construction:

enquiries should be address to the Maritime Information Publishing Group of Lloyd's Register (LR) by telex 888379 or facsimile 01-488 4796.

The following particulars should be presented:

- Shipyard and yard number or hull number
- Ship name
- Gross tonnage/ Deadweight
- Keel laid date
- Owner, operator/ manager and flag
- Basic ship type (Ship types used by LR are: passenger, ferry, general cargo, specialised cargo, cellular container, ro-ro cargo, bulk, specialised bulk, ore carrier, gas tanker, gas carrier, tanker, specialised tanker, tug, factory ship, dredger, sand carrier and supply vessel)
- Name and address of enquirer

2.) For existing ships:

The IMO number can be obtained free of charge from the IMO Secretariat. Information on the particulars of the ship (as above ) should be provided and sent to the Secretariat, telex 23588 or facsimile 01-587 3210.