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

AMMENDMENTS TO THE SOLAS CONVENTION RELATING TO MARITIME SAFETY

- A) The existing SOLAS Chapter XI (special measures to enhance maritime safety) has been renumbered as Chapter XI-1.
- 1) **Regulation 3** requires that a “ship identification number” (IMO Number) is to be permanently marked in a visible place either on the ships hull or superstructure.
 - 2) The regulation applies to passenger vessels above 100 gt and cargo ships above 300 gt
 - 3) The ships identification number shall be marked in a visible place either:
 - i) on the stern of the ship or on either side of the hull, amidships, port and starboard or
 - ii) on either side of the superstructure or
 - iii) on the front of the superstructure or
 - iv) in the case of passenger ships, on a horizontal surface visible from the airand
 - v) either on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the machinery spaces or
 - vi) on one of the hatchways or
 - vii) in the case of tankers, in the pump room
 - 4) The permanent markings shall be plainly visible, clear of any other markings on the hull and shall be painted in a contrasting colour.
 - 5) The permanent marking shall be made by raised lettering or by cutting it in or by any method which ensures that the numbering is not easily expunged.
 - 6) The regulation is applicable to:
 - i) all ‘new ships’ built after 1st July 2004 and
 - ii) for ‘existing ships’, not later than the first scheduled dry-docking after 1st July 2004.
 - 7) **For vessels not already having an IMO identification number, owners are advised to fill the attached form and submit it to SCM to enable us to apply for the number.**

B) A new **Regulation 5** has been added after the existing Regulation 4.

- 1) Every ship to which Chapter 1 of SOLAS applies to shall be issued with a Continuous Synopsis Record.(CSR)
- 2) The CSR shall provide an on board record of the history of the ship.
- 3) For ships constructed before 1st July 2004, the CSR shall, at least, provide the history of the ship from 1st July 2004.
- 4) The CSR shall be issued to each ship that is entitled to fly its flag and shall as a minimum provide the following information:
 - i) the name of the state whose flag the ship is intended to fly.
 - ii) The date on which the ship was registered with the state.
 - iii) The ship identification number in accordance with regulation 3 above.
 - iv) The name of the ship.
 - v) The port of registry.
 - vi) The name of the registered owner(s) and their registered address(es).
 - vii) The name of the registered bareboat charterer(s) and their registered address(es); if applicable.
 - viii) The name of the company, its registered address and from where it carries out the safety management activities.
 - ix) The name of the Classification Society with which the ship is classed.
 - x) The name of the Administration, contracting government or recognised organisation which has issued the Document of Compliance.
 - xi) The name of the Administration, contracting government or recognised organisation which has issued the Safety Management Certificate.
 - xii) The name of the Administration, contracting government or recognised organisation which has issued the International Ship Security Certificate.

SHIPS CLASSIFICATION MALAYSIA

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