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TITLE	AMMENDMENT ON THE MANDATORY CARRIAGE REQUIREMENT OF BRIDGE NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ALARM SYSTEM (BNWAS) FOR SHIPS CONSTRUCTED BEFORE 1ST JULY 2002
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1. Carriage requirement for Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS) was entered into force from 1st January 2011 with amendment of SOLAS Reg. V/19.2.2 in accordance with IMO Res.MSC.282(86).
2. The MSC 92 adopted the Res.MSC.350(92) on the amendments of SOLAS Reg.V/19 regarding the application of BNWAS to ships constructed before 1 July 2002.
3. Summary due date for application:

Ship Type	Gross Tonnage (GT)	Date to be applied		
		New ship	Existing ship	
		Ship constructed on/after 1st July 2011	Ship constructed on/after 1st July 2002 ~ before 1st July 2011	Ship constructed before 1st July 2002
Passenger Ship	All Passenger Ships irrespective of Size	Mandatory	Not later than the First PS survey after 1st July 2012	Not later than the First PS survey after 1st Jan 2016
Cargo Ship	≥ 3000	Mandatory	Not later than the First SE survey after 1st July 2012	Not later than the First SE survey after 1st Jan 2016
	500 ≤ GT < 3000		Not later than the First SE survey after 1st July 2013	Not later than the First SE survey after 1st Jan 2017
	150 ≤ GT < 500		Not later than the First SE survey after 1st July 2014	Not later than the First SE survey after 1st Jan 2018
Administrations may exempt ships from the application of the above carriage requirements of BNWAS when such ships will be taken permanently out of service within two years after the implementation date as above. (Applied to ships constructed before 1st July 2002 only)				

4. The ship owners/operator are requested to peruse this Technical Information and apply the amended provision of BNWAS appropriately according to the following procedures:
 - a. For ships built before 1st July 2002 and BNWAS is not yet installed onboard, the application date of BNWAS can be extended to the date as indicated in the SOLAS V/Reg.19.1.2.4 as amended by the Res.MSC.350(92)
 - b. For ships built before 1st July 2002 and expected to permanently out of service within two years after the implementation date of BNWAS, the application of the carriage requirements of BNWAS can be exempted from Administrations by issuing of the exemption certificate.

5. Amendment of SOLAS Reg.V/19

- New subparagraph of SOLAS V/Reg.19.1.2.4

"4 Ships constructed before 1 July 2002 shall be fitted with the system required in paragraph 2.2.3, as follows:

- .1 passenger ships irrespective of size, not later than the first survey after 1 January 2016;
- .2 cargo ships of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards, not later than the first survey after 1 January 2016;
- .3 cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 3,000 gross tonnage, not later than the first survey after 1 January 2017; and
- .4 cargo ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 500 gross tonnage, not later than the first survey after 1 January 2018.

- The bridge navigational watch alarm system shall be in operation whenever the ship is underway at sea.

- The provisions of paragraph 2.2.4 shall also apply to ships constructed before 1 July 2002.

- New subparagraph of SOLAS V/Reg.19.1.3

"1.3 Administrations may exempt ships from the application of the requirement of paragraph 1.2.4 when such ships will be taken permanently out of service within two years after the implementation date specified in subparagraphs 1.2.4.1 to 1.2.4.4." (applied only to ships constructed before 1st July 2002)