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TITLE	Amendments to SOLAS Chapter III and IV : Search and Rescue Locating Devices.			

Attention is drawn to owners and operators of vessels above 300 GT.

SOLAS Ch III/ Reg.6 - Communications. The existing paragraph 2.2 has been replaced by the following:

“2.2 Search and rescue locating devices

At least one search and rescue locating device shall be carried on each side of every passenger ship and of every cargo ship of 500 gross tonnage and upwards. At least one search and rescue locating device shall be carried on every cargo ship of 300 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 500 gross tonnage. Such search and rescue locating devices shall conform to the applicable performance standards not inferior to those adopted by the Organization*. The search and rescue locating devices** shall be stowed in such location that they can be rapidly placed in any survival craft other than the liferaft or liferafts required by regulation 31.1.4. Alternatively one search and rescue locating device shall be stowed in each survival craft other than those required by regulation 31.1.4. On ships carrying at least two search and rescue locating devices and equipped with free-fall lifeboats one of the search and rescue locating devices shall be stowed in a free-fall lifeboat and the other located in the immediate vicinity of the navigation bridge so that it can be utilized on board and ready for transfer to any of the other survival craft.”

* Refer to the Recommendation on performance standards for survival craft radar transponders for use in search and rescue operations, adopted by the Organization by resolution MSC.247(83) (A.802(19)), as amended) and the Recommendation on performance standards for survival craft AIS Search and Rescue transmitter (AIS SART), adopted by the Organization by resolution MSC.246(83).

** One of these search and rescue locating devices may be the search and rescue locating device required by regulation IV/7.1.3. (See Below)

SOLAS Ch IV/ Reg.7 – Radio Equipment: General

In paragraph 1, subparagraph .3 is replaced by the following:

“ a search and rescue locating device capable of operating either in the 9 GHz band or on frequencies dedicated for AIS, which:”




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