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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IMO UNIQUE COMPANY AND REGISTERED OWNER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SCHEME & CHANGES TO THE CONTINUOUS SYNOPSIS RECORD

The IMO unique company and registered owner identification number scheme enters into force on 01 January 2009. This Shipping Notice gives guidance on how to obtain these numbers and how it affects the continuous synopsis record and other Isle of Man Ship Registry issued certification.

Documents referred to in this notice:

IMO Resolution A.959(23), MSC.198(80), MSC.160(78), MSC.195(80), MSC.196(80)

Most Isle of Man regulations and notices are available on the Isle of Man Government web site:

www.iomshipregistry.com or by contacting marine.survey@gov.im

Introduction

The IMO unique company and registered owner identification scheme was adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eightieth session. The number is managed without charge by Lloyd's Register Fairplay (LRF), and begins with "IMO" followed by either "Company" or "Registered Owner" then followed by seven digits.

All companies and registered owners are required to obtain an identification number prior to the scheme coming into force on 01 January 2009. When a number has been issued notification of the numbers should be forwarded to registry.marine@gov.im. This is to update the Ship Registry's records and ensure compliance prior to the implementation date.

Additionally amendments to SOLAS regulation XI-1/5 now include the company and registered owner identification number to be inserted on the continuous synopsis records. All newly issued or amended CSR's shall have the identification numbers included.

Who is required to have a Company and Registered Owner Identification Number?

The IMO unique company and registered owner identification scheme is applied to new or existing companies and registered owners, managing ships of 100 gross tonnage and upwards involved in international voyages.

For new companies and registered owners, the assignment of the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number should be made when the company's ship is registered. When companies and/or registered owners merge, LRF assigns the number of the larger company and/or registered owner to the new amalgamated entity, while the number of the smaller entity is frozen and not re-used.

Definitions are:-

- The company is defined as the management of the ship in accordance with the ISM Code.
- The registered owner is the person or company as stated on the Isle of Man issued Certificate of Registry for the vessel.

How the numbers can be obtained

The Lloyd's Registry Fairplay (LRF) website can be used to look up or request an IMO registered owner or company number free of charge, their details are as follows:-

Lloyd's Register – Fairplay Head office

Lombard House, 3 Princess Way, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1UP, UK

Website: www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com

Tel: (+44) 1737 379000

Fax: (+44) 1737 379001

Email: owners-data-feedback@lrfairplay.com

Amendments to the format and guidelines for the maintenance of the Continuous Synopsis Record

SOLAS Chapter XI-1, regulation 5 requires all passenger ships and cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages to have on board a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).

CSR's issued from the Isle of Man Ship Registry now state the registered owner identification number and the company identification number. This information will be compulsory from the 01 January 2009 to all newly issued or updated CSR's.

When any data in the current CSR has changed an updated CSR is required to be issued from the Ship Registry without delay. In order to apply for a new or updated CSR all changes should be entered onto 'Form 2 amendments to the CSR' and a copy sent to the Ship Registry, while the original should be attached to the current CSR document. A new sequentially numbered CSR will be forwarded to the vessel from the Ship Registry, and details of the amendments should be entered on the 'index of amendments (Form 3.)'. All CSR documents are required to be maintained in the ships files to provide a history of the ship which can be inspected by appropriate officials.

Form 2 and Form 3 are available on www.iomshipregistry.com

What other Certification has been affected?

From the 01 January 2009 the following certificates when newly issued will have the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number inserted:-

- Interim Document of Compliance
- Document of Compliance
- Interim Safety Management Certificate
- Safety Management Certificate
- Interim International Ship Security Certificate
- International Ship Security Certificate

Existing certificates shall be re-issued with the new format following renewal audits.

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Please note - *The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.*