

ISM-Circular No. 6 of 2006

PROMOTING AND VERIFYING CONTINUED FAMILIARIZATION OF GMDSS OPERATORS ON BOARD SHIPS (MSC.1/Circ.1208)

Applicable to: Shipowners and shipmanagers of German ships

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The Maritime Safety Committee has issued the MSC.1/Circ.1208 concerning familiarization and training of GMDSS operators on board ships. The details are set out in the annex to the attached MSC circular.

2. Para 6.3 of the ISM-Code requires:

- Procedures for familiarization of new personnel and personnel transferred to new assignments;
- Instructions which are essential should be provided prior to sailing

3. It is essential for the safety of life at sea that GMDSS operators are familiar with the equipment and the procedures during Distress, Urgency and Safety calls.

4. Shipowners, shipmanagers and designated persons are advised to ensure that the company's Safety Management System provides specific measures for familiarization and training of all personnel who may be required to operate the GMDSS equipment. Familiarization of GMDSS operators should be verified during drills and onboard training at appropriate intervals.

5. Any questions to this circular should be addressed to the Ship-Safety-Division/Department ISM.

Best regards
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