

Subject

Special requirements for Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs) regarding Bahamas flagged vessels

# **ClassNK**

## **Technical Information**

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To whom it may concern

With regard to the special requirements for emergency escape breathing device (EEBD) for Bahamas flagged vessels, it had been notified by the Technical Information No. TEC-0885 dated 20 December 2011. Since the Bahamian Administration has revised the special requirements for EEBD, the Technical Information is revised as described below.

This Technical Information supersedes the previous ClassNK Technical Information No. TEC-0885 dated 20 December 2011.

1. This Technical Information applies to all Bahamian ships and offshore units to which SOLAS applies.
2. Offshore units certified under the 1979, 1989 or 2009 Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU Code) shall be provided with EEBDs as if they were SOLAS certified.
3. SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 13.3.4 specifies the following minimum carriage requirement for EEBDs in accommodation spaces:
  - (1) Cargo ships: 2 EEBDs;
  - (2) Passenger ships carrying not more than 36 passengers: 2 EEBDs in each main vertical zone;
  - (3) Passenger ships carrying more than 36 passengers: 4 EEBDs in each main vertical zone.
4. The number of EEBDs to be provided in the machinery spaces is available in IMO MSC/Circ.1081.
5. All ships shall carry spare EEBDs that shall be located in a control station. The minimum number of spare EEBDs shall be as follows:
  - (1) Cargo ships and offshore units: 1 EEBD
  - (2) Passenger ships: 2 EEBDs

(To be continued)

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6. In order to satisfy the SOLAS requirements for on-board training in the use of EEBDs, the vessel shall have either:
  - (1) at least 1 separate EEBD clearly marked as designated for training; or
  - (2) the on-board facilities to re-instate the EEBD that was used during the training exercise to a fully operational condition (such as means of recharging the cylinder to full operating pressure).
  
7. With respect to Bahamian ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk or liquefied gases in bulk, the Administration will permit the carriage of the emergency equipment specified in IBC Code 14.3.1, BCH Code 3.16.10, or IGC Code 14.4.2, in lieu of EEBDs.

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