

Subject :

The requirements of Reg. III/6.2 of
88 Amendments to 74 SOLAS for existing
ships flying other flags than Japanese flag

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To Shipowners concerned

As informed by our Technical information No.91 and No.102, Reg.1.6, Chap. III of 88 Amendments to 74 SOLAS prescribes that a ship constructed before 1st February 1992 (hereinafter called as "existing ship") shall be provided with radio life-saving appliances namely two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus and radar transponders under the requirements of Reg.6.2, Chap. III. After 1st February 1995, the Safety Equipment (SE) Certificate will not be valid unless the ship is in compliance with the requirements. We would like to inform you of the requirements and our procedure for relevant surveys as follows;

1. Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus

The two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus to be provided shall meet the following requirements in addition to the requirements of 83 Amendments.

- (a) The apparatus shall be approved by the flag state under the performance standards for survival craft two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus, adopted by the Organization by resolution A605(15).
- (b) The apparatus shall be operable on the frequency 156.8MHz(ch.16) and at least one additional channel in VHF band.

In this connection, two-way radiotelephone apparatus using UHF band which had been provided on ships before 1st February 1992 (hereinafter called as "existing apparatus") do not comply with above requirement, therefore, those which confirmed to the requirement shall be provided on the ships in lieu of existing apparatus.

The existing apparatus using VHF bands may be acceptable until 1st February 1999 subject to the flag states and compliance with requirements as mentioned in above (b).

Flag states who have informed us of their instructions are as follows:

Flag states who accept without specific requirements

Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Papua new Guinea
Bahama	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia
Belize	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Luxembourg	St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Brunei	Malta	Vanuatsu
Chile	Marshall Islands	
Cyprus	Myanmar	
Denmark	Panama	

Flag states who have their specific requirements

(1) Argentina

ch. 15 or 17 should be included in additional channels.

(2) Hong kong

The apparatus should be with an acceptable watertight container.

(3) Netherland

Two-way radiotelephone apparatus with ch. 6, 15, 16, 17 and 67 is acceptable until two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus be approved by the Government.

2. Radar transponders

Radar transponders shall be approved by the Flag state under the performance standards for survival craft radar transponders for use in search and rescue operations, adopted by the Organization by resolution A604(15).

Reg.7-1.3, Chap.IV of the Amendments prescribes that "Ship's radar transponder" may be one of those required by Reg.6-2.2, Chap.III of the Amendments for a survival craft.

3. Survey and dealing with the Survey Record and Certificate

(1)At renewal survey or mandatory annual survey of Cargo Ship Safety Equipment after 1st February 1994, radio life-saving appliances are to be examined for these requirements.

(2)Unless these requirements are fulfilled, a surveyor shall record a note on the survey record indicating that a ship shall comply with the said requirements no later than 1st February 1995, and the following note will be recorded on an existing Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate or on a Certificate newly issued;

"Note :This certificate ceases to be valid on 1st February, 1995 unless
(Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus and/or Radar transponder
s) * complying with the requirements of Reg.6.2, Chapt.III of 88
Amendments to 74 SOLAS will be installed on board by 1st February
1995."

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(3)For ships with certificate with the note in item3. (2) above.

A new certificate will be issued when the radio life-saving appliances are provided with the relevant requirements following an occasional survey for verification.

(4)After the requirement in above item(1) are fulfilled the following equipments can be disposed from the ships.

However, the disposal of those equipments shall be checked at the SE or SR survey.

- * Portable radio apparatus for survival craft
- * Radiotelegraph installation for lifeboat
- * Survival craft emergency position-indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs)
- * Two-way radiotelephone apparatus

Should you have any question on this matter, please contact Survey Department of our Head Office.

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