

Subject:

Immersion Suits and Thermal
Protective Aids for Hong Kong
Registered Cargo Ships

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To Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

The requirement of the Hong Kong Government for immersion suits and thermal protective aids to be carried on board Hong Kong flag ships, which the Society has recently been informed by the Hong Kong Government, are shown below. It is recommended that necessary arrangements be made for Hong Kong flag ships owned and/or operated by you in accordance with the requirements.

1. Number Required

In addition to the SOLAS Requirements, a Hong Kong registered cargo ship should comply with the following requirements. Immersion suits and thermal protective aids need however not be provided in ships which habitually trade between the latitudes of 20° N and 20° S.

- 1. On ships equipped with a rescue boat, which is not a lifeboat, one immersion suit should be provided for every person assigned to crew the rescue boat.
- 2. On ships of less than 85 m in length, other than oil tankers and gas carriers, not fitted with lifeboats, but which are equipped with throw overboard inflatable liferafts, one immersion suit should be provided for every person on board.

2. Stowage and Packing

Immersion suits and thermal protective aids should be stowed where they are readily accessible for use in any survival craft. Thermal protective aids should be packed in carrier bags to facilitate transfer.

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