

Subject:

Installation of Radar capable of
operating in 9GHz frequency band
for ships flying other flags than
Japanese flag

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To Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

The 1981 Amendments to 1974 SOLAS specifies in Reg.12 (g) and (h) of Chapter V the requirements for installation and specifications of radars on board ships engaged on international voyages. These requirements are further amended by the 1988 Amendments to the following effect and the amended requirements will enter into force on 1 February 1995.

Surveyors of the Society will ascertain compliance with these amended requirements when carrying out a SE survey on and after 1 February 1995. As the amended requirements include those for the ships which have not been required to install radars on board, it is recommended that necessary arrangements be made as necessary in advance.

While radars, in general, should be of a type approved by Administrations, the Administrations may accept at their discretion a radar of a type not approved by the Administrations, for passenger ships of less than 500GT and cargo ships of 300GT and upwards but less than 500GT, provided that it is fully compatible with the radar transponder.

1. On and after 1 February 1995, at least one of the radars which have been required to be installed on board ships should be of a type capable of operating in the 9GHz frequency band.
2. For the following ships engaging on international voyages which have not been required to install radars on board, on and after 1 February 1995, for the following ships engaged on international voyages, a radar capable of operating in 9GHz frequency band should be fitted on board.
 - (1) All passenger ships of less than 1600GT and cargo ships of 300GT and upwards but less than 1600GT constructed before 1 September 1984.
 - (2) All passenger ships of less than 500GT and cargo ships of 300GT and upwards but less than 500GT constructed on and after 1 September 1984.

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