

Subject:

Requirements of Hong Kong Government
for Immersion Suits and
Thermal Protective Aids

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To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

NK Technical Information No.151 deals with immersion suits and thermal protective aids to be carried on Hong Kong registered ships. It is underlined by this that the numbers of immersion suits as detailed in 1-1 and 1-2 of NK Technical Information No.151 are the interpretation of the respective regulations of the SOLAS Convention by the Hong Kong Government, but not the requirement of the said Government in excess of the SOLAS Convention. The numbers of immersion suits and thermal protective aids to be carried on Hong Kong registered ships are the same as those specified in the SOLAS Convention.

In addition to the interpretation as referred to in the above, there are some requirements of the said Government in respect of immersion suits and thermal protective aids, which are given below. The Government requirement as stated in 2 of NK Technical Information No.151 is also reproduced. NK Technical Information No.151 should accordingly be cancelled.

1. Immersion suits to be provided on ships should be of an insulated type if the ships make voyages within the following areas:
 - i. North of latitude 65° N in the Atlantic Ocean
 - ii. North of latitude 55° N in the Pacific Ocean
 - iii. South of latitude 50° S and;
 - iv. East of longitude 10° E in the Kattegat and Baltic Sea between 1 December and 30 April, both dates inclusive.
2. Immersion suits and thermal protective aids need not be provided on ships which habitually trade between the latitudes of 20° N and 20° S.
3. 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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