

Subject:

Assessment for Safety Management System
according to the ISM Code

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To Shipowners concerned

For preventing maritime casualties and pollution and in recognition of the need to establish the Safety Management System, the "International Management Code for the Safe Operation of ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management Code)" was adopted at the SOLAS Convention as a new chapter at the SOLAS Conference held in May 1994 and will become mandatory on 1st July 1998 for all passenger ships including passenger high speed craft and oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and cargo high speed craft of 500 GT and over, and also become mandatory on 1st July, 2002 for other cargo ships and mobile offshore drilling units of 500 GT and over.

NK has established the "Rules for Assessment and Registration of Safety Management System according to the International Safety Management Code (ISM Code)", and issued the DOCs (Document of Compliance) to 8 companies (Navix Marine Co., Ltd., Iino Marine Service Co., Ltd., Yuyo Steamship Co., Ltd., Showa Line, Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Idemitsu Tanker Co., Ltd., "K" Line Ship Management Co., Ltd., International Energy Transport Co., Ltd.), and the SMCs (Safety Management Certificate) to 42 ships by the end of February, 1995. By the end of this year, around 30 companies and 200 ships are assumed to be assessed and registered to NK.

NK has made progress in the application for the authorization of ISM Code certification to various Administrations, and has already been authorized by 4 Administrations (Bahama, Vanuatu, Brunei and Barbados). And the "Rules for Assessment and Registration of Safety Management System according to the International Safety Management Code" which NK has established was also approved by the Panamanian Government, and the authorization of ISM Code certification is assumed to be given by the Panamanian Government when the ISM Code will become mandatory.

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