

Subject :

Revised requirements for Radio personnel
required on board Panamanian ships
which fully apply GMDSS

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To Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

Reference is made to NK Technical Information No.118 (issued at 23 June 1993), by which the subject requirements are informed. The Panamanian Government has recently notified the Society of its revised requirements in this respect which are reproduced below for necessary arrangements in advance:

1. Qualifications required by the Panamanian Government for GMDSS
 - A. GMDSS Radio Operator - Restricted
 - B. GMDSS Radio Operator - General
 - C. GMDSS Radio Electronic - First Class
 - D. GMDSS Radio Electronic - Second Class
2. Qualifications and the number of personnel required
 - (1) For ships which adopt other maintenance methods than "Onboard maintenance".

At least two deck officers each with a certificate of B above, or one exclusive radio officer with a certificate either of B, C or D above.
 - (2) For ships which adopt "Onboard maintenance" as maintenance method.

One exclusive radio officer with a certificate either of C or D above and one deck officer with a certificate of B above.

For ships which engage on voyages within A1 area only, a certificate of A above may also be accepted for a deck officer alternatively.
3. The Panamanian Government accepts the certificates of competency of 43 countries. Any person serving on Panamanian ships having one of these certificates has to apply to the Panamanian Government for the issue of a corresponding certificate.

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