

Subject :

Exemption from Requirements of
Chapters IV and V of SOLAS Convention for
Panamanian Flag Ships

NKTECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Shipowners and Shipyards concerned,

Exemption from Requirements of Chapters IV and V of SOLAS Convention for Panamanian Flag Ships

The SOLAS Convention includes provisions under which specific installations/apparatus/equipment may be exempted from installation under certain conditions.

The Panamanian Government has just notified the Society of the procedures adopted by it for application/approval for exemption, which are summarized below for your information/actions. NK Technical Information No. 163 dated 10 July 1995 is replaced by this issue.

1. A shipowner/shipyard who requests the exemption from installation of the following installations/apparatus/equipment should submit an application for exemption to the Panamanian Government directly or through NK. In case where other appropriate installations/apparatus/equipment (e.g., a GPS instead of a direction-finding apparatus) are fitted as a condition for exemption, he should attach documents of their specifications, etc., to the application:
 - (1) a radio installation consisting of a radiotelephone distress frequency watch receiver capable of operating on 2,182 kHz to be fitted on board ships constructed on or after 1 February 1997 (ref. Regulation IV/7.2);
 - (2) a device for generating the radiotelephone alarm signal on the frequency 2,182 kHz to be fitted on board ships constructed on or after 1 February 1997 (ref. Regulation IV/7.3);
 - (3) a direction-finding apparatus (ref. Regulation V/12(p));
 - (4) radio equipment for homing on the radiotelephone distress frequency (ref. Regulation V/12(q)).

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2. The Panamanian Government, after having judged that the application is acceptable, issues a "Permanent Authorization for Equivalence" to the applicant and a copy of it to NK. The "Permanent Authorization for Equivalence" replaces an exemption certificate so far issued and requires no renewal every one or two years.
3. The Surveyor of the Society, after ascertaining that the ship in question fulfills the conditions as specified in the "Permanent Authorization for Equivalence", issues either a Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate or a Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate as appropriate. No exemption certificate should be issued.
3. An application for exemption should be submitted to the Panamanian Government at the following address:

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Chief of Maritime Safety
Republic of Panama
Directorate of Consular and Maritime Affairs
6 West 48 Street, New York, N.Y. 10036, U.S.A.
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