

Subject:

Additional Requirements to the 1981
Amendments and Interpretation thereof,
made known by the Liberian Government

NK TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

You may have taken necessary steps for your "existing ships", as defined in the 1981 Amendments to the SOLAS 74 and to the 1978 Protocol (hereinunder referred to as the 1981 Amendments), to install additional equipment to that required under the current SOLAS 74 requirements on board and/or to modify systems on board according to the requirements of the 1981 Amendments, having received NK Technical Information No. 19.

Those who have been ~~owning~~/operating Liberian flag ships should, however, be advised of the additional requirement to "Fireman's Outfits" and of the interpretation of the requirement relating to "Fire Control Plans", both of which have recently been made known by the Liberian Government to us. Their additional requirement and interpretation appear in the attached sheet, to which your special, careful attention is invited to pay.

The Society has instructed its Surveyors to confirm that any Liberian flag ship to which the 1981 Amendments should apply complies with the requirements not only of the 1981 Amendments but also of those indicated in the attached sheet on the occasion of a Cargo Ship Safety Equipment survey which comes first on and after 1 September 1984.

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1. Fireman's Outfits

1.1 All ships including existing ships as defined under the 1981 Amendments should carry the following sets of fireman's outfit on and after 1 September 1984:

- .1 ships of less than 4000 GT (excluding those mentioned in items 1.1.3 and 1.1.4) 2 sets
- .2 ships of 4000 GT and over (excluding those mentioned in items 1.1.3 and 1.1.4) 3 sets
- .3 all tankers carrying inflammable liquids or gases in bulk (excluding those mentioned in item 1.1.4) 4 sets
- .4 liquefied gas carriers, as defined in the IMO Gas Code, with cargo capacity over 5000m³, and all chemical carriers of any size 5 sets

1.2 Fireman's outfits required should comply with the following:

- .1 Fireman's outfits required should comply with the requirements of Regulations 17.1 and 17.2, Chapter II-2, of the 1981 Amendments.
- .2 Breathing apparatus for liquefied gas carriers and chemical carriers should be of type of self-contained breathing apparatus.
- .3 Self-contained breathing apparatus should have capacity of 1200 litres of free air or alternatively provide sufficient free air capacity for 30 minutes duration under heavy work load.
Each self-contained breathing apparatus should have spare capacity of 2400 litres of free air.
- .4 Spare capacity of each self-contained breathing apparatus for liquefied gas carriers and chemical carriers should be increased to 6000 litres of free air by 1 July 1986.

1.3 The above requirements should apply to all ships including existing ships.

2. Fire Control Plans

- 2.1 Fire control plans, required under Regulation 20, Chapter II-2, of the 1981 Amendments, to be installed outside the deck house, should be sealed in a plastic cover for protection from oil, etc. and fire control plans so sealed should be contained in a metal container which is painted in red and marked with "FIRE CONTROL PLANS".
- 2.2 The container in which the above fire control plans are contained should be kept ;
 - .1 in a prominent position adjacent to gangway when the ship is in port at anchor or alongside,
 - .2 at all gangway positions if they are permanently fixed.
- 2.3 The above requirements should apply to all ships including existing ships.