

Subject :

Exemption from Installation of
a Radio Direction Finder

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To shipowners and shipbuilders concerned,

Regulation V/12(p) of the 1988 Amendments to 1974 SOLAS Convention specifies the requirements for installation of a radio direction finder and for exemption from its installation on certain conditions.

The following Governments have notified the Society of the conditions for exemption, and procedures for exemption and for issue of an exemption certificate for ships registered in their States, which are re-produced as per attached. For ships flying the Japanese flag, further information should be sought to Material and Equipment Department. NK Technical Information No.216 dated 30 June 1997 is replaced by this issue.

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Attachment : Conditions and Procedures for Exemption from Installation of a Radio
Direction Finder

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Conditions and Procedures for Exemption from Installation of
a Radio Direction Finder (RDF)

1. Cyprus

1.1 Conditions for Exemption

The ship should be fitted with a GPS receiver, a satellite EPIRB, two Radar Transponders (SARTs) , and 9GHz(X-band) Radar installation(s).

1.2 Procedures for Exemption

-1 Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit the respective documents with manufacturers, types and the numbers of equipment described in 1.1 to the nearest branch office of the Society.

The Society, after ascertainment of satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will issue a survey record.

-2 The shipowners or shipbuilders are requested to submit an application for the exemption together with the survey record directly to the Cyprus Government.

-3 The Society will issue the Exemption Certificate in accordance with the instructions for the application from the Cyprus Government.

-4 In case the ship already has the Exemption Certificate, the Society, after ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE renewal survey, will issued the Exemption Certificate.

1.3 Address of the Cyprus Government

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2. Greece

2.1 Conditions for Exemption

-1 Ships the keels of which are laid on and after 1 February 1995 should be fitted with

- (1) GMDSS installations, and
 - (2) A GPS receiver connected to GMDSS installations for automatically entering the ship's positions.
- 2 Ships the keels of which are laid before 1 February 1995 should
- (1) be issued a statement presented by a technical corporation for the damage of the RDF which cannot be repaired, (in case the ship fitted with a GPS receiver connected to GMDSS installations for automatically entering the ship's position, this statement is not requested), and
 - (2) be fitted with a GPS receiver, a satellite EPIRB, two Radar Transponders (SARTs), and 9GHz (X band) Radar installation(s).

2.2 Procedures for Exemption

- 1 For ships the keel of which are laid on and after 1 February 1995.
- (1) Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit the following documents, directly or through the nearest branch office, to Material & Equipment Department of the Head office of the Society.
 - An application for the exemption, and
 - Wiring diagrams between a GPS receiver and GMDSS installations.The Society, after examining the documents submitted and ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will issue an Exemption Certificate.
- 2 For ships the keel of which are laid before 1 February 1995.
- (1) Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit the following documents to the nearest branch office of the Society.
 - An application for the exemption, and
 - A statement described in 2.1-2(1), or a document giving manufacturer, type and the number of the GPS receivers and a wiring diagram between the GPS receiver and the GMDSS installations.The Society, after ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will forward the necessary documents for the exemption to the Greek Government.
 - (2) The Society will issue the Exemption Certificate in accordance with the instructions for the application from the Greek Government.

3. Hong Kong

3.1 Conditions for Exemption

The ship should

- 1 be fitted with a GPS receiver conforming to IMO Resolution A.819 (19), or
- 2 be fitted with a DECCA receiver or a LORAN-C receiver conforming to IMO Resolution A.694 (17), and solely navigate sea areas within the coverage of those services.

3.2 Procedures for Exemption.

- 1 Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit the following documents, directly or through the nearest branch office, to Material & Equipment Department of the Head office of the Society;

- An application for the exemption with manufacturer, type and the number of the substitutional equipment for an RDF, and
- Data demonstrating the substitutional equipment conforms to the conditions described in 3.1.

The Society, after examining the documents submitted and ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will forward the necessary documents for the exemption to the Marine Department, Hong Kong for the issuance of the Exemption Certificate.

- 2 In case the ship already has the Exemption Certificate, the Society, after ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE renewal survey, will issue the Exemption Certificate.

4. Isle of Man

4.1 Conditions for Exemption.

The ship should be fitted with

- 1 GMDSS installations, and
- 2 a GPS receiver.

4.2 Procedures for Exemption.

- 1 Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to apply directly to the Isle of Man Government.
- 2 The Isle of Man Government issues the Exemption Certificate.

4.3 Address of the Isle of Man Government

Maritime Administration

Department of Trade & Industry
Peregrine House, Peel Road, Douglas,
ISLE OF MAN
British Isles, IM1 5EH
Tel: +44 1624 688500
Fax: +44 1624 688501

5. MALTA

5.1 Conditions for Exemption.

The ship should be fitted with

- 1 GMDSS installations, and
- 2 two independent GPS receivers. A GPS receiver forming an integral part of the GMDSS installations shall be acceptable as one of the two receivers required.

5.2 Procedures for Exemption.

- 1 Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit a respective application with manufacturer, type, and the number of the GPS receivers to the nearest branch office of the Society:

The Society, after examining the documents submitted and ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will issue an Exemption Certificate.

6. Panama

6.1 Conditions for Exemption

The ships should be fitted with

- 1 GMDSS installations, and
- 2 a radionavigation equipment such as a GPS receiver.

6.2 Procedures for Exemption

- 1 Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit a respective application with manufacturer, type, and the number of the GPS receivers to the nearest branch office of the Society.

The Society, after examining the documents submitted and ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will issue the following certificates.

- 3-month interim Exemption Certificate, and
 - SE Certificate.
- 2 Shipowners or shipbuilders are requested to submit the following documents directly to the Panamanian Government for the issuance of full-term Exemption Certificate.
- An application for the exemption with manufacturer, type and the number of the radionavigation equipment,
 - A copy of the interim Exemption Certificate, and
 - A copy of the SE Certificate.

6.3 Renewal of Exemption Certificate and SE Certificate

Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for renewal of Exemption Certificate are requested to apply an SE renewal survey to the nearest branch office of the Society. The Society, after ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at the SE renewal survey, will issued Certificates described in 6.2-1 above. Please refer to the procedures described in 6.2-2 above for issuance of full-term Exemption Certificate.

6.4 Transactions of Omission Letters

The Panamanian Government no more issues Omission Letters for Exemption of an RDF. An Omission Letter, which has already issued from the Government, is valid till the next renewal of the SE Certificate. In case the ship holding an Omission Letter renews the SE Certificate, please refer to the procedures described in 6.3 above.

6.5 Address of the Panamanian Government

Directorate General of Panama Maritime Authority
International Representative Office, New York
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New York, N. Y. 10036, U.S.A.
Tel: +1 212 869 6440
Fax: +1 212 575 2285 / 2288

7. Philippines

7.1 Conditions for Exemption

The ship should be fitted with

- 1 GMDSS installations, and,
- 2 a radionavigation equipment such as a GPS receiver.

7.2 Procedures for Exemption

- 1 Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit a respective application with manufacturer, type, and the number of the GPS receivers directly to the Philippines Government.

The Society, after ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will issue an Exemption Certificate in accordance with the instruction from the Philippines Government

7.3 Address of the Philippines Government

Department of Transportation and Communications
Maritime Industry Authority
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Philippines 2601
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Tel: +632 523 8651
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8. St. Vincent and the Grenadines

8.1 Conditions for Exemption

- 1 The ship should be fitted with a GPS receiver, a satellite EPIRB, two Radar transponders (SARTs) and 9GHz(X-band) Radar installation(s), and
- 2 the RDF exempted from installation should be removed.

8.2 Procedures for Exemption

- 1 Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to submit a respective application with manufacturer, type, and the number of the GPS receivers, directly or through the nearest branch office, to Material & Equipment Department of the Head office of the Society.

The Society, after examining the documents submitted and ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, will issue an exemption certificate.

9. Switzerland

9.1 Conditions for Exemption

The ship should be fitted with a GPS receiver conforming to IMO Resolution A.819 (19).

9.2 Procedures for Exemption

- 1. Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to apply directly to the Swiss Government.
- 2. The Swiss Government issues the Exemption Certificate.

9.3 Address of the Swiss Government

Swiss Maritime Navigation Office

4010 Basel, Elizabeth Str., 31

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10. Vanuatu

10.1 Conditions for Exemption.

The ship should be fitted with

- 1 GMDSS installations, and
- 2 a GPS receiver and 9GHz(X-Band) Radar installation(s).

10.2 Procedures for Exemption.

- 1. Shipowners or shipbuilders who may wish to apply for exemption from installation of an RDF are requested to apply directly to the Vanuatu Government.
- 2. The Vanuatu Government issues the Exemption Certificate.

10.3 Address of the Vanuatu Government

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New York, NY 10006, USA

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