

Subject :

Exemption from installation of a Radio Direction Finder
on Singapore Flag Ships and Bahamian Flag Ships

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To shipowners and shipbuilders concerned,

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

The Singapore Government and the Bahamian Government have notified the Society of conditions for the exemption, and procedures for the exemption and for the issue of an exemption certificate for a ship flying their flags.

Based on the notifications from these governments, the conditions and the procedures are re-produced as per below for your reference.

For further details, please contact one of the nearest branch offices of the Society.

1. Singapore

1.1 Conditions for Exemption.

The ship should be fitted with GPS receiver(s) in accordance with condition -1 or -2 below.

- 1 One GPS receiver, when the receiver conforms to IMO Resolution A.819(19), and functions independently of any other radio communication and navigational equipment.
- 2 Two GPS receivers, when the receivers do not conform to IMO Resolution A.819(19).

In this case, at least one of the GPS receivers should function independently of any other radio communication and navigational equipment.

1.2 Procedures for Exemption.

- 1 Shipowners/shipbuilders who may wish to apply for the exemption should submit the following documents to the nearest branch office of the Society.
 - (1) An application for the exemption with manufacturers, types and number of GPS receivers, and
 - (2) In case of 1.1-1 above, a copy of document certifying its conformity to IMO Resolution A.819(19).
- 2 The Society, after ascertainment of satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE survey, issues a surveyor's report (a sample form attached).

-3 Shipowners/shipbuilders submit the following documents directly to the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore for issuance of an initial exemption certificate. The initial exemption certificate is issued from the Singapore government.

- (1) An application for the exemption with manufacturers, types and number of GPS receivers.
- (2) Surveyor's report, and
- (3) In case of 1.1-1 above, a copy of document certifying its conformity to IMO Resolution A.819(19).

1.3 Renewal of the Exemption Certificate

The Society, after ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE renewal survey, issues the Exemption Certificate with same expiry date as the SE Certificate.

1.4 Others

An exemption certificate already issued to the ship is effective as condition 1.1-2 above, and the certificate may be renewed in accordance with procedures specified in 1.3 above.

2. Bahama

2.1 Conditions of Exemption

The ship should be fitted with equipment provided in conditions -1 and -2 below.

- 1 A radionavigation system for position fixing (e.g. a GPS receiver).
- 2 A 3 GHz or 9 GHz radar installation.

2.2 Procedures of Exemption

- 1. Shipowners/shipbuilders who may wish to apply for the exemption should submit the following documents to the nearest branch office of the Society
 - (1) An application for the exemption with manufacturer, type, and the number of the GPS receivers.
- 2. The branch office in charge, after carrying out an SE survey and ascertaining that the equipment described in 2.1 is installed and operates in good condition, issues the Exemption Certificate.

2.3 Renewal of the Exemption Certificate

The Society, after ascertaining satisfaction of the conditions for exemption at an SE renewal survey, issues the Exemption Certificate with the same expiry date as the SE Certificate.

2.4 Others

An exemption certificate already issued to the ship is effective, and the certificate may be renewed in accordance with procedures specified in 2.3 above.

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