

Subject:

Gross Tonnages of New Ships as defined under the TM 69 for the purpose of application of the SOLAS Convention for other than Japanese flag ships

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To Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

As you are aware, the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 (hereinunder referred to as the "TM 69") came into force on 18 July 1982 and is applied to ships flying the flags of the Contracting Governments to the TM 69 the keels of which are laid on and after that date (hereinunder referred to as the "New Ships") and also an interim scheme for tonnage measurement for certain new ships for the purpose of application of the SOLAS Convention was adopted by IMO. (Resolution A.494(XII)).

The Society, upon request, applies the interim scheme and allows a new ship to use the gross tonnage measured under the national tonnage rules of its flag government which were in effect prior to the coming into force of the TM 69 for the purpose of application of the SOLAS Convention unless otherwise instructed by its flag government. You are however reminded by this issue that this interim scheme can not be applied any more to new ships the keels of which are laid after 31 December 1985 with the following exceptions.

Unless otherwise instructed by flag governments, the Society, upon request, continuously applies the interim scheme ;

1. to new ships the keels of which are laid before 18 July 1994 in respect of the requirements of Regulation 3 of Chapter IV of the SOLAS 74 Convention, and
2. until 18 July, 1994, to new cargo ships of less than 1600 gross tonnage (as measured under national tonnage rules) the keels of which are laid after 31 December 1985.

The End

