

Subject:

Application of the 1983 Amendments
to SOLAS 1974 to existing ships
flying the flags of other than
Japan

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To Shipowners and Shipyards concerned

"The 1983 Amendments to SOLAS 1974" (hereinafter referred to as "the 1983 Amendments") will enter into force on 1 July 1986 and shall apply to ships flying the flags of Contracting Governments to SOLAS 1974.

The 1983 Amendments consist of complete replacement of the requirements of Chapters III and VII and partial amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2 and IV. The amendments to Chapter III are, among others, most important and form the main parts of the 1983 amendments.

The 1983 Amendments, as a rule, shall apply to the ships constructed on and after 1 July 1986. Regulations 8, 9, 10, 18 and 19 of Chapter III as shown in Annex (1), however, shall immediately apply after 1 July 1986 to cargo ships constructed before 1 July 1986 (hereinafter referred to as "existing ships").

It is therefore recommended to the parties concerned that necessary measure to comply with the requirements of the said Regulations be taken for existing ships flying the flags of other than Japan as soon as possible but not later than 1 July 1986.

Surveyors to this Society will ascertain the compliance during the first opportunity of any kind of Cargo Ship Safety Equipment survey (mandatory annual, intermediate, renewal or occasional survey) on and after 1 July 1986.

If the existing ship does not comply with the said regulations at the survey, only a conditional short term certificate valid for 2 months will be issued replacing the existing certificate on board.

In addition to the above, it is further advised that the life-saving appliances as shown in Annex (2) shall be provided to existing ships by 1 July 1991.

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Should you have any question in this connection, please do not hesitate to contact the staff of Chief Surveyor of the Society's Head Office.

Encls : Annex

(1) Regulations of Chapter III in the 1983 Amendments applicable to the existing ships on and after 1 July 1986

(2) Regulations of Chapter III in the 1983 Amendments applicable to the existing ships on and after 1 July 1991

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Annex

- (1) Regulations of Chapter III in the 1983 Amendments applicable to the existing ships on and after 1 July 1986

- Reg. 8 Muster list and emergency instructions
- Reg. 9 Operating instructions
- Reg. 10 Manning of survival craft and supervision
- Reg. 18 Abandon ship training and drills
- Reg. 19 Operational readiness, maintenance and inspections

- (2) Regulations of Chapter III in the 1983 Amendments applicable to the existing ships on and after 1 July 1991

- Reg. 6.2.3 Survival craft emergency position-indicating radio beacons
- Reg. 6.2.4 Two-way radiotelephone apparatus
- Reg. 26.3 Inflatable liferaft (additional)
- Reg. 27.2 Lifejacket lights
- Reg. 27.3 Immersion suits and thermal protective aids (There are some cases where they need not be fitted.)
- Reg. 30.2.7 Retro-reflective material