

Subject

Carriage of immersion suits on cargo ships flying Hong Kong, Singapore and Sri Lanka Flag

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Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

1. The Hong Kong government has notified of carriage of immersion suits for that flagged ships as follows.
 - (1) At least two immersion suits should be provided in wheel house and engine control room respectively as additional immersion suits. The same number of immersion suits as life-jackets at the wheel house and engine control room are required (i.e. if 3 life-jackets are required at the wheel house then 3 immersion suits are required at the wheel house).
 - (2) If ship has other watch or work stations and life-jackets has already been provided, for example, cargo control room of chemical tanker, in the forecastle for the lookout(s) on duty in fog / under restricted visibility etc., the same number of immersion suits as life-jackets are required to such stations. Mooring stations (fore & aft) are not included in the above watch or work stations.
2. The Singapore government has notified of carriage of immersion suits for that flagged ships as follows.
 - (1) The number of immersion suits to be provided in compliance with Reg. III/32.3 of SOLAS 74 should correspond to the total number of persons indicated in Section 2.1 (Total number of persons for which life-saving appliances are provided) of Form E (Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate).
 - (2) Additional immersion suits should be provided in watch or work stations which are located remotely from the place or places where immersion suits are normally stowed according to the following:
 - (i) Wheel House
 - (a) One set for each duty personnel
 - (b) One set for each deep-sea pilots if required by shipboard operation
 - (ii) Engine Room
 - (a) One set for each duty personnel
 - (b) One set for each day worker in periodically unattended machinery space
 - (iii) Cargo Control Room ^{a)}
One set for each person
 - (iv) Cargo Pump Room
One set for each person

(To be continued)

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(v) Galley ^{a)}

One set for each person

Note :

- a) (iii) and (v) are applied when these places are located remotely from the place or places where immersion suits are normally stowed.
- b) If there are any other watch/work stations located remotely from the place or places where immersion suits are normally stowed except (i) to (v) above, one set should be provided for each person in such watch/work stations.

- (3) Any watch or work station which is not on the same deck level as the place where immersion suits are stowed should be regarded as remote. Where the watch or work station is on the same deck level, then more than one compartment away should generally be regarded as remote depending on the generally arrangement of the ship.
 - (4) Ship's owners or operators decide storage locations of immersion suits suitably.
 - (5) For ships whose actual number of crew is less than the total number of persons indicated in Section 2.1 of Form E, the number of immersion suits in excess of the actual number of crew on board may be used to meet the requirement of Reg. III/32.3.3 (additional immersion suits for persons normally on watch or working at watch or work stations).
 - (6) There is no requirement to provide additional immersion suits at the location of the additional life raft stowed as far forward or as far aft stipulated in Reg. III/31.1.4.
 - (7) If children are on board, the master should ensure how best the existing immersion suits can be used for a child should it become necessary for a child to don an immersion suit and be evacuated into the sea. Children are not expected to participate in any preparatory activities in the event of emergency where falling into the water may be a probable consequence.
 - (8) If the forecastle deck store is a work station where crew members are working in the store, sufficient immersion suits are required to be provided for these crew members. However, if crew members simply go to the forecastle deck store to get anything stored there, it is not necessary to provide immersion suits in that location.
3. The Sri Lanka government has notified of carriage of immersion suits for that flagged ships by MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE MSN 2/2006. And the NOTICE says that the term "voyages in tropical climates" means voyages within the latitudes of 30 degrees N and 30 degrees S.

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