

Subject:

Installation of ARPA and means
relating to steering capability for
existing ships flying flags other
than Japan under 1981 SOLAS
Amendments

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To Shipowners and Shipyards concerned

For certain ships constructed before 1 September 1984 (so-called "Existing Ships" to the 1981 SOLAS Amendments) the compliance with the following two Regulations of the 1981 SOLAS Amendments has been so far exempted from. In this regard, however, we would like to draw your special attention to the fact that the ships concerned are required to fulfil such requirements by 1 September 1988 which would be reaching soon.

- a. Means to maintain or to regain the steering capability (Reg. 29.20, Ch.II-1)

Applied to: Every tanker, chemical tanker or gas carrier of 40,000 tons gross and upwards, constructed before 1 September 1984

- b. Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA) (Reg. 12(j)(i)(3)(cc), Ch.V)

Applied to: Ships constructed before 1 September 1984, that are not tankers, of 15,000 tons gross tonnage but less than 20,000 tons gross tonnage

Note: This requirement does not apply if the ship is exempted from the installation of ARPA in accordance with Reg. 12(j)(iii), Ch.V of the 1981 SOLAS Amendments.

Unless you have made requisite arrangements for the installation yet in accordance with such requirements, we would like to remind you to start the necessary preparation for the compliance and then to apply this Society for the confirmatory survey for the installation at your earliest convenience.



We also would like to draw your special attention to that, where the ship concerned fails to comply with the abovementioned requirements by 1 September 1988 as required, such statutory certificate(s) on board as Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate in case of non-compliance with the above item a. or Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelegraphy Certificate/Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate in case of non-compliance with the above item b. will cease to be valid on the same day.

If you have anything to be clarified on this matter, please contact the Overseas Department of this Head Office.

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