

Subject:

The application of IMO-Symbols
to all Liberian flag ships

NK TECHNICAL INFORMATION

No. 74

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To: Shipowners and Shipyards concerned

Regulation 9.2.3 of Chapter III of 74 SOLAS as amended requires that all ships should be provided with symbols (referred to hereafter as IMO-Symbols) in accordance with the recommendation of IMO (IMO Res.A.603(15)) in order to give relevant instructions on survival crafts and their launching controls.

The Society has been instructed by the Liberian Government on the procedure to be taken for all Liberian flag ships regarding the application of IMO-Symbols.

According to the procedure instructed, the Society has instructed its Surveyors to carry out a survey in the following manners;

(1) At a periodical Safety Equipment Survey carried out on and before 31 July 1989

If a ship is not provided with IMO-Symbols, the owners and master of the ship will be advised, by warning letter, that action is to be taken to provide the ship with IMO-Symbols by 31 July 1989.

(2) At a periodical Safety Equipment Survey carried out on and after 1 August 1989

If a ship is not provided with IMO-Symbols, such unconformity should be dealt with as deficiency and then a conditional short term Safety Equipment Certificate valid until 1 January 1990 should be issued with the recommendation that the ship is to be provided with IMO-Symbols by 1 January 1990.

For your information, it should be noted that at a periodical Safety Equipment Survey carried out after 1 January 1990, a ship could not carry a valid Safety Equipment Certificate unless such requirements concerning IMO-Symbols being fulfilled.

Your early attention and kind arrangements on this matter are highly appreciated.

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Attachment: IMO Res.A.603(15)



Res. A.603(15)

RESOLUTION A.603(15)

Adopted on 19 November 1987

Agenda item 12

SYMBOLS RELATED TO LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND ARRANGEMENTS

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

BEARING IN MIND that regulation III/9.2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the 1974 SOLAS Convention), as amended, prescribes that posters or signs shall be provided on, or in the vicinity of, survival craft and their launching controls and shall use symbols in accordance with the recommendations of the Organization,

RECOGNIZING the urgent need for establishing international symbols for these purposes on board ships,

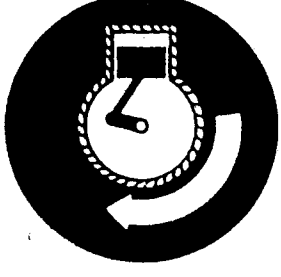
RECOGNIZING FURTHER the need for other uniform symbols to indicate the location of emergency equipment, and muster and embarkation stations,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-third session,

1. ADOPTS the symbols for use in accordance with regulation III/9.2.3 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the 1974 SOLAS Convention), as amended, set out in Annex 1 to the present resolution;
2. ADOPTS ALSO the recommended symbols indicating the location of emergency equipment, and muster and embarkation stations set out in Annex 2 to the present resolution;
3. URGES Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention to ensure that, where appropriate, symbols used on board ships are in compliance with those set out in the Annexes to the present resolution;
4. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to keep this resolution under review and to report as necessary to the Assembly.

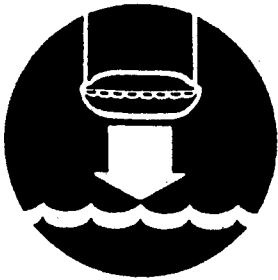
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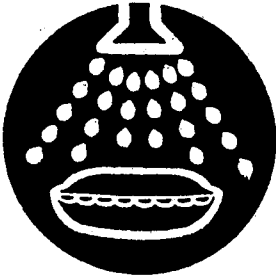
SYMBOLS FOR USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION III/9.2.3
OF THE 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION, AS AMENDED

Reference*	Item	Symbol**
1	FASTEN SEAT BELTS	
2	SECURE HATCHES	
3	START ENGINE	

* Numbers are used for reference purposes only and do not indicate the sequence of events as this will depend on the type of survival craft and launching appliances provided on board the ship.

** All symbols should be white on a blue background.

Reference	Item	Symbol
4 4.1 4.2 4.3	LOWER TO THE WATER: the lifeboat the liferaft the rescue boat	  
5	RELEASE FALLS	

Reference	Item	Symbol
6	START WATER- SPRAY	
7	START AIR SUPPLY	
8	RELEASE GRIPES	