

Subject:

The requirements of 83 Amendments to 74 SOLAS, applicable to existing ships flying other than Japanese flag

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To: Shipowners concerned

Reg.1.6 of Chap.III of 83 Amendments to 74 SOLAS prescribes that all existing ships (ships constructed before 1 July 1986) shall comply with the following requirements concerning life-saving appliances and arrangements not later than 1 July 1991:

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| 1) Survival craft EPIRBs | (Reg.6.2.3) |
| 2) Two-way radiotelephone apparatus | (Reg.6.2.4) |
| 3) Liferaft(s) | (Reg.26.3) |
| 4) Lifejacket Lights | (Reg.27.2) |
| 5) Immersion suits and thermal protective aids | (Reg.27.3) |
| 6) Retro-reflective material | (Reg.30.2.7) |

Those requirements may be fulfilled at any time but before 1 July 1991 depending upon a shipowner's own schedule and the cargo ship safety equipment certificate may remain valid until that date irrespective of the fulfillment.

It should however be noted that after 1 July 1991, the safety equipment certificate will not be valid any longer, if those requirements are not met.

Having regard to such a situation, we have introduced, after having discussed with major flag Governments and following their instructions, the following procedure for the purpose of reminding to the parties concerned of the compliance with the said requirements.

- 1) At renewal surveys of a cargo ship safety equipment certificate to be held after 1 July 1989, we will check if those requirements are fulfilled.
- 2) If those requirements are not all fulfilled, the surveyor will make a note on his survey report to the effect that the said requirements be complied with not later than 1 July 1991. When this Head Office issues a final full term cargo ship safety equipment certificate, the certificate will have the following note typed at its appropriate blank space.



"Note: This certificate ceases to be valid on 1 July 1991 unless the requirements according to Reg.1.6 of Chap.III of 83 Amendments to 74 SOLAS are fulfilled by that date."

We would like to draw your special attention that the above "Note" is not of the nature of the outstanding recommendation due to deficiencies but just a "note of reminder" to the owners. So, the certificate with such a note may be regarded as clean one until 1 July 1991 and thereafter will remain same as far as the said requirements are fulfilled.

At any time after you completely deal with those requirements, we may conduct, at your request, an occasional survey to confirm the compliance and re-issue a certificate without the "Note".

Your kind attention to this matter is highly appreciated.
