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TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES OPERATING SHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGE ANHD OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT : EFFECTIVITY OF THE 2001 AND 2002 AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS), 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee under Resolution MSC. 117 (74) dated 06 June 2001 which have entered into force on 01 January 2003 and those adopted by the resolutions MSC. 123 (75) MSC 124 (75) on 24 May 2002 and which shall enter into force by 01 January 2004, the following shall be mandatorily observed by ships 500 GRP and above engaged in international voyages.

Convention	Regulation	Applicability	Subject
2001 SOLAS Amendments	VII/14	Carriage of Dangerous Goods	In paragraph 2 regulation, the words "schedule 10, 11, 12 or 13" are replaced by the words "transports schedule 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14".
May 2002 SOLAS Amendments	IV/1		Paragraphs 3,4, 5, 6, and 7 deleted, and paragraph 8 renumbered as paragraph 3.
	IV/3		Paragraph 2,3 deleted.
	IV/4.1.6	Radio communication	Reference to regulation V/12 (g) and (h) replaced by reference to reg. V/19.2.3.2 of the December 2000 SOLAS amendments.
	IV/7		Paragraph 2,3 and 4 deleted and paragraph 5 renumbered as paragraph 2
	IV/12		Paragraph 4 deleted.
	IV/14		Paragraph 2 deleted and in

			paragraph 1 the words "Subject to paragraph 2." Are deleted.
May 2002 SOLAS Amendments	V/21	All ships	New heading of the regulation " International Code of Signals and international Aeronautical and Maritime Research and Rescue (IAMSAR manual)
	V/21.2 (new paragraph 2)		All ships shall carry an up-to-date copy of Volume III of the IAMSAR Manual
	VI/2.3.2	Carriage of bulk cargo which may create a potential hazard	Reference to Regulation VII/2 Replaced by reference to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, as defined in reg. VII/1.1.
	VI/5	Stowage and securing of cargo	The expression "cargo transport units" is introduced in existing paragraph 1,2,4 and 6.
	VI/6.3	Loading and shipment of cargo which may create a potential hazard	Reference to regulation VII/2 is replaced by a reference to the IMDG Code, as defined in Regulation VII/1.1.
	VII Part A	Carriage of Dangerous goods, also in cargo ships < 500 GRT	Existing part A is replaced by an new part A and new Part A-1
	New Part A (Regulations through 6)		Heading:" Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form". The new IMDG Code made mandatory An approved Cargo Securing Manual Required.
	New Part A-1 (Regulation 7 through 7-4)		Heading: "Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Solid Form in Bulk". The new IMDG Code made mandatory
	VII/14.2	Carriage of irritated nuclear fuel (INF) cargo	The definition of INF refers to class 7 of the new IMDG Code.

	VII/14.6		Paragraph 6 deleted (reference to old IMDG Code.
May 2002 SOLAS Amendments	Appendix (ref. Regulation 1/15)	Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate	Section 2, items 7 and 8 and related footnotes and section 4 are deleted from the Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate (Form R)
2002 Amendments to the SOLAS Protocol 1988	Appendix (ref. Regulation 1/15)	Cargo Ship Safety Certificate	Section 3, items 7 and 8 and related footnotes are deleted from the Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate (Form c).
2002 Amendments to Resolution A. 744(18), Guidelines on the enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers (Annex A) and Oil Tankers (Annex B)	For application of Resolution A.744 (18) reference is made to Reg. XI/2 of SOLAS Annex a, Paragraph 1.3	Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers Bulk carriers Pre. 01.07.1999 bulk carriers Length \geq 150 m Bulk carriers > 15 years of age Bulk carriers	These guidelines hve been amended to correspond eith the revised IACS Unified Requirements for ESP ships. The main amendments are highlighted below: Prompt and thorough repairs of damages in association with wastages over allowed limits. Additional annual survey of the foremost cargo hold in accordance with the requirements of annex 12 required for single sided skin ships constructed with insufficient no. of transverse watertight bulk heads carrying solid bulk cargoes with density of 17 18 kg/m ³ and above. Intermediate enhanced survey to be of the same extent as the previous as the previous Special Survey for Class. The required thickness measurements to be witnessed by a surveyor of the recognized organization.
2002 Amendments to Resolution A.744 (18), Guidelines on the enhanced Programme of Inspections	Annex B, Paragraph 1.3		Prompt and thorough repairs of damages in association with wastage over allowed limits.
	Annex B Paragraph 2.1.5	Oil tankers	Cargo and ballast piping on deck and in tanks to be examined and operationally tested to working pressure.

during Surveys of Bulk Carriers (Annex A and Oil Tankers (Annex B)	Annex B, Paragraph 3.5.3		All ballast tanks adjacent to a cargo tank with any means of heating are to be examined annually unless the coating was found to be in GOOD condition at the previous survey.
	Annex B, Paragraph 4.4.	Oil tankers > 15 years of age	Intermediate enhanced survey to be of the same extent as the previous Special Survey for Class.
	Annex B Paragraph 7.1.1	Oil tankers	The required thickness measurements to be witnessed by a surveyor of the recognized organization

Attention is therefore invited for all Philippine overseas shipping companies and other maritime entities to comply with the requirements mandated by the SOLAS Amendments 2001 effective 01 January 2003 for Resolutions MSC.117 (74) and Amendments 2002 by January 2004 for Resolutions MSC.123 (75) and MSC.123 and MSC.124 (75).

For compliance.

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