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Marine Notice

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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND AUTHORIZED CLASSIFICATION
SOCIETIES

SUBJECT: Amendments to the International Convention of Safety of Life at Sea 1974
(SOLAS 1974).

Reference:

- (a) Maritime Regulation 2.35
- (b) 2001 Consolidated Edition of SOLAS - IMO-110E
- (c) 1990/1991 SOLAS Amendments - IMO-168E
- (d) 1992 SOLAS Amendments - IMO-174E
- (e) 1994 SOLAS Amendments - IMO-190E
- (f) 2000 SOLAS Amendments – IMO-170E

Supersedes: Marine Notice INT-002 issued 1/00

PURPOSE:

This Notice recognizes the 2001 Consolidated Edition of SOLAS as officially replacing the full version of Liberian SOLAS Guidance Document (RLM-331) and introduces the reinstatement of a revised RLM-331 in a materially abbreviated form that is intended to address those interpretations of national concern not addressed in the new Consolidated Edition. For further particulars on the availability of RLM-331, see Marine Notice No. ADM-002.

APPLICABILITY:

Since The Republic of Liberia is signatory to the SOLAS Convention, all Amendments pertaining thereto are applicable to those ships registered under Liberian flag. The RLM-331 in conjunction with the 2001 Consolidated Edition of SOLAS is intended to assist shipowners with compliance. These interpretations are provided until such time as they may also be included in subsequent consolidated editions of SOLAS.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 Endorsement

Liberia is in agreement with and fully supports the IMO Resolutions noted in Section below.

2.0 2001 Consolidated Edition

This publication contains a consolidated text of the 1974 SOLAS convention, the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and all subsequent amendments thereto up to and including the May 1999 amendments, except for the May 1998 amendments which are not expected to enter into effect until 1 July 2002.

2.1 1981 to 1991 Amendments

The text of the SOLAS Regulation in the 2001 Consolidated Edition was revised to include all the following amendments:

1981 Amendments, MSC.1&2(XLV)	entered into force 1 September 1984
1983 Amendments, MSC.6(48)	entered into force 1 July 1986
1988 Amendments, MSC.11 (55) ro-ro	entered into force 22 October 1989
1988 Amendments, MSC.12 (56) ro-ro	entered into force 29 April 1990
1988 Amendments, Ch. IV, Radio	entered into force 1 February 1992
1989 Amendments, Art VIII, MSC.13 (57)	entered into force 1 February 1992
1990 Amendments, Ch. II-1, MSC.19 (58)	entered into force 1 February 1992
1991 Amendments, MSC.22 (59)	entered into force 1 January 1994

2.2 1992 Amendments

The 1992 Amendments to SOLAS are principally concerned with up-grading the stability and fire protection regulations of Chapter II-1 and II-2 with particular emphasis on Ro-Ro's, passenger ships and tankers. The Amendments came into force on 1 October 1994.

2.3 1994 Amendments

The 1994 Amendments to SOLAS are concerned with additional requirements in the existing Chapters II-2, V, VI and VII with particular attention to Chapter V, Safety of Navigation and Chapter VI on carriage of cargoes and cargo securing manuals.

2.4 New Chapters

The 1994 Amendments also introduce three new chapters to SOLAS which are as follows:

- Chapter IX - Management for Safety Operation of Ships
ISM Code Res.A.741 (18)
ISM Code Res.A.788 (19)
effective 1 July 1998;
- Chapter X - Safety Measures for High-Speed Craft
HSC Code, MSC.36(63)
effective 1 January 1996; and
- Chapter XI - Special Measures to Enhance Maritime Safety
Res.A.744(18) Enhanced Survey
Res.A.600(15) IMO Numbers
Res.A.787(19) Port State Control

effective 1 January 1996.

2.5 1995 Amendments

The 1995 Amendments introduced new provisions on ships' routing, as well as the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention, which adopted a number of resolutions related to the Convention and made amendments on passenger ships, especially ferries, in chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV and V. The following amendments were included:

May 1995 Amendments, MSC.46(65), entered into force 1 January 1997.
November 1995 Amendments, Conference Res. 1, entered into force 1 July 1997.

2.6 1996 Amendments

The text of the SOLAS Regulation in the 2001 Consolidated Edition was also revised to include all the following amendments:

June 1996, MSC.47(66) effective 1 July 1998
December 1996, MSC.57(67) effective 1 July 1998

2.7 1997 Amendments

The text of the SOLAS Regulations in the 2001 Consolidated Edition was also revised to include all of the following amendments:

June 1997, MSC.65(68) effective 1 July 1999
November 1997, SOLAS Conference Resolutions effective 1 July 1999

2.8 1999 Amendments

May 1999, MSC.87(71) effective 1 January 2001

2.9 2000 Amendments

May 2000, MSC.91(72) effective 1 January 2002
July 2000, MSC.99(73) effective 1 July 2002

2.10 1988 SOLAS Protocol

The 1988 SOLAS Protocol were incorporated into the 2001 Consolidated Edition. The 1988 Protocol subsequently has been amended:

May 2000 MSC.92(72) effective 1 January 2002
July 2000, MSC.100(73). effective 1 July 2002

The text of the 2000 Amendments to SOLAS 2001 Consolidated Edition and the text of the May 2000 and July 2000 amendments to 1988 Protocol can be found in the SOLAS Amendments 2000 IMO publication number IMO-170E

3.0 Compliance

3.1 Ships Affected

The regulations noted in the aforementioned Amendments come into force as per Article VIII (e) of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 which states as follows:

VIII(e) -Unless expressly provided otherwise, any amendment to the present Convention made under this article, which relates to the structure of a ship, shall apply only to ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction, on or after the date on which the amendment enters into force.

3.2 Original Regulations

All SOLAS 74 regulations not otherwise changed or modified by subsequent Amendments will, therefore, remain in effect for all ships as originally written.