

Circular 132 / 2016

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: IMO Regulatory Amendments coming into force in July 2016

Date: 9th May 2016

Summary

Maritime Cook Islands brings your attention to the new IMO amendments coming into force on 1 July 2016, and requests that you take necessary actions to ensure compliance where applicable. For further assistance or information you may contact the Technical Manager at df@maritimecookislands.com

Effective Date	Convention	Regulation	Character	Title	Relevant Document	Application
1 July 2016	1989 MODU Code / 15	15.1	Convention (Retroactive)	Carriage requirement for atmosphere testing instrument for enclosed spaces	Res.MSC.383(94)	<p>Application: 1 July 2016</p> <p>Each unit should carry an appropriate portable atmosphere testing instrument or instruments*. As a minimum, these should be capable of measuring concentrations of oxygen, flammable gases or vapours, hydrogen sulphide and carbon monoxide prior to entry into enclosed spaces**. Instruments carried under other requirements may satisfy this regulation. Suitable means should be provided for the calibration of all such instruments.</p> <p>* Refer to the Guidelines to facilitate the selection of portable atmosphere testing instruments for enclosed spaces as required by SOLAS regulation XI-1/7 (MSC.1/Circ.1477).</p> <p>** Refer to the Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships (resolution A.1050(27)).</p>
1 July	SOLAS /		Convention	Amendments to the	Res.MSC.380(94)	Application: 1 July 2016

2016	Appendix			forms of certificates		Considering the inconsistencies in the Record of Equipment for Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate and Cargo Ship Safety Certificate concerning the lack of an entry for the total number of persons accommodated by freefall lifeboats, the amendments to section 2 of the Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate (Form C) and the Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (Form E) were adopted. Regarding the timing of replacement of existing certificates, relevant guidance was provided in MSCMEPC. 5/Circ.6.
1 July 2016	SOLAS / II-2	10.5.2	Convention	Amendment to the title of SOLAS regulation II-2/10.5.2 to clarifying its application	Res.MSC.380(94)	Application: 1 July 2016 At MSC 93, the Committee considered document MSC 93/17/1 (IACS), seeking clarification on whether SOLAS chapter II-2 required portable foam equipment to be provided in all machinery spaces with internal combustion machinery or solely in category A machinery spaces, and agreed to amend the title of SOLAS regulation II-2/10.5.2 to specify its application to machinery spaces of category A only.
1 July 2016	SOLAS / VI	2	Convention	Mandatory requirements for the verification of gross mass of cargo containers by shipper before loading	Res.MSC.380(94)	Application: 1 July 2016 For the enhancement of the safety of large container ships, the SOLAS VI/Reg.2 was amended to include the mandatory requirements for verification of the gross mass of containers.
1 July 2016	SOLAS / XI-1		Convention (Retroactive)	Carriage requirement for atmosphere testing instrument for enclosed spaces	Res.MSC.380(94)	Application: 1 July 2016 From 1 July 2016, every ship to which chapter I applies shall carry an appropriate portable atmosphere testing instrument or instruments*. As a minimum, these shall be capable of measuring concentrations of oxygen, flammable gases or vapours, hydrogen sulphide and carbon monoxide prior to entry into enclosed spaces**. Instruments carried under other requirements may satisfy this regulation. Suitable means shall be provided for the

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