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Date -22.12.2023

DGS Order : 25 of 2023

Subject : Amendments to Chapter V – Safety of Navigation under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), and its applicability-reg.

Whereas, the Government of India has ratified the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), and the Convention entered into force on 25th May, 1980 through accession. The Convention as modified by the protocol of 1988 entered into force on 22nd November, 2000 through accession. Article 1 of the Convention mandates the general obligation of the Government to undertake all measures which may be necessary to give effect to the Convention.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended incorporates the Convention and is defined in Section 3(37) as "Safety Convention" which means the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea signed in London on the 1st day of November, 1974 as amended from time to time. Further, the mandatory Codes as indicated in the Convention and its amendments from time to time is in effect and applicable to the vessels.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, Part IX-Safety, Section 283 to 309 provides legislative provisions and powers for the implementation of various requirements under the SOLAS Convention on all Indian and foreign vessels. The Merchant Shipping Act, Sections 284 and 299B provide powers to make rules regulating the construction and survey of ships for the purpose of compliance with the convention. The Merchant Shipping Act, Section 436(1) and (2) provide enforcement provisions.

Whereas, the Government has issued Merchant Shipping (Distressed Messages and Navigational Warnings) Rules, 1964 and Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 1997 as a measure to give effect to the Convention. The Government has issued various executive orders, notices, and circulars from time to time providing instructions on the Safety of Navigation. These include but are not limited to, MS Notice 02 of 2023 dated 23.01.2023 on Operational of Iridium Safety Cast Service for NAVAREA VIII under World-Wide Navigational Warnings Service (WWNWS); MS Notice 09 of 2015 dated 22.09.2015 on Navigational Charts- reg; MS Notice 7 of 2012 dated 07.03.2012 on Navigation off the Indian coast - transgressing of fishing nets - mistaking fishing boats with pirate skiffs; MS Notice 04 of 2012 dated 09.02.2012 on June 2009 Amendments to SOLAS 1974 - Carriage Requirements for a Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS), on Indian ships regarding; MS Notice 03 of 2012 dated 27.01.2012 on June 2009 Amendments to SOLAS 1974 - Carriage

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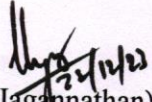
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Requirements for Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) on Indian ships; MS Notice 20 of 2010 dated 08.11.2010 on Safety of Navigation Chapter V of SOLAS 1974 as amended - reg.; and MS Notice 08 of 2010 dated 03.09.2010 on Promulgation of Navigational Warnings for Specialized Operations in NAVAREA - VIII under World Wide Navigational Warning System (WWNWS); DGS Circular 01 of 2016 dated 20.05.2016 on Installation of voyage data recorded on Indian Ships-reg.; DGS Circular 02 of 2006 dated 13.06.2006 on List of Navigational Equipment Issued with Letter of Authority (LOA). Further, Guidance on 'To the Satisfaction of Administration' in IMO Conventions is issued vide MS Notice 15 of 2023 on 09.11.2023.

Whereas, the Recognised Organizations (RO) were notified vide notification dated 26th December, 2014, and as indicated, an agreement is entered into with each RO to carry out surveys and certification as per the Convention.

Noting that, IMO has issued various amendments to Chapter V of SOLAS from time to time which is annexed to this Order at "Annexure- 1". As defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, such amendments to the Convention are already in effect and applicable to Indian vessels.

The stakeholders are therefore required to be guided by this Order towards compliance with the provisions to give full effect to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and the mandatory codes.


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Director General of Shipping

To,
All Stakeholders Through DGS Website

Annexure-1

Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the protocol of 1988 relating thereto

Amendments	Adopted		Effective Date	Amendments to Chapters	
	By	Date		V	Appendix
1978 Protocol	Conference	17.Feb.1978	01.May.1981	12, 19, 19-1, 19-2	
1981 Amendments	Res.MSC.1(45)	20.Nov.1981	01.Sep.1984	12, 16(d), 18, 19(d) 19-1, 19-2	
1988 Amendments GMDSS	GMDSS/ CONF/9	09.Nov.1988	01.Feb.1992	12, 14, 21	Certificates (PS, SC, SE, SR, EX-SOLAS)
1989 Amendments	1989 Amendments	11.Apr.1989	11.Apr.1989	11.Apr.1989	
1991 Amendments	Res.MSC.22(59)	23.May.1991	01.Jan.1994	17	
1994 Amendments	Res.MSC.31(63)	23.May.1994	01.Jan.1996	8-1, 15-1	
			01.Jul.1998	3, 4, 22	
1995 Amendments	Res.MSC.46(65)	16.May.1995	01.Jan.1997	8	
	SOLAS/CONF .3/46	29.Nov.1995	01.Jul.1997	10, 10-1, 13, 15, 23	
1996 Amendments	Res.MSC.57(67)	05.Dec.1996	01.Jul.1998	15-1 (Deleted)	
1997 Amendments	Res.MSC.65(68)	04.Jun.1997	01.Jul.1999	8-2 (new)	
2000 Amendments to 74 SOLAS	Res.MSC.99(73)	05.Dec.2000	01.Jul.2002	Revised completely	Certificates
2002 Amendments to 74 SOLAS	Res.MSC.123(75)	24.May.2002	01.Jan.2004	21	Certificates (Form P, Form R)
2002 Amendments	SOLAS/CONF .5/32	12.Dec.2002	01.Jul.2004	19	
2003 Amendments	Res.MSC.142(77)	05.Jun.2003	01.Jul.2006	2, 22, 28	
2004 Amendments	Res.MSC.153(78)	20.May.2004	01.Jul.2006	2, 33, 34, 34-1(new)	

	Res.MSC.170(79)	09.Dec.2004	01.Jul.2006	19, 20	
2006 Amendments	Res.MSC.201(81)	18.May.2006	01.Jul.2010	22	
	Res.MSC.202(81)	19.May.2006	01.Jan.2008	2,19-1(New)	
2009 Amendments	Res.MSC.282(86)	05.Jun.2009	01.Jan.2011	19	Certificates (Form P, Form E, Form PNUC, Form CNUC)
2010 Amendments	Res.MSC.308(88)	03.Dec.2010	01.Jul.2012	18, 23	
2012 Amendments	Res.MSC.325(90)	24.May.2012	01.Jan.2014	14	
2013 Amendments	Res.MSC.350(92)	21.Jun.2013	01.Jan.2015	19	
2022 Amendments	Res.MSC.496(105)	28.April.2022	01.Jan.2024	5,19-1	Certificate (PS,SE,SR,CSS,PN UC,CNUC)
2023 Amendments	Res.MSC.532(107)	08.Jun.2023	01.Jan.2026	2,18,19	Certificate (PS,SE,CSS,CNUC)