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TO:

All ship-owners and operators

SUBJECT:

Bridge Navigation Watch Alarm System

**PURPOSE:** 

The purpose of this Notice is to inform ship-owners and operators regarding

amendment to SOLAS Convention concerning bridge navigational watch

alarm system

APPLICABILITY:

Cargo ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards and all passenger ships'

constructed on or after 01-Jul-2011

### REQUIREMENTS:

Shipping Operators are reminded that IMO Resolution MSC.282(86) was adopted in June 2009, revising SOLAS Chapter V regulation 19. New regulations 19.2.2.3 and 19.2.2.4 are added making mandatory the carriage of a Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS) for all vessels as follows:

- 1. Cargo ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards and passenger ships irrespective of size constructed on or after 1 July 2011;
- 2. Passenger ships irrespective of size constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey after 1 July 2012;
- 3. Cargo ships of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey after 1 July 2012;
- 4. Cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 3,000 gross tonnage constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey after 1 July 2013; and
- 5. Cargo ships of 150 gross tonnages and upwards but less than 500 gross tonnage constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey after 1 July 2014.

### For detailed information please refer to:

• Resolution MSC.282(86): Adoption of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended;

- Resolution MSC.283(86): Adoption of amendments to the protocol of 1988 relating to the international convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974;
- Resolution MSC 128(75): Performance Standards for BNWAS

