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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND  
OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED  
ORGANIZATIONS

**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 July 2011. In domestic waters of Georgia, carriage of a Bridge Navigation Watch Alarm System (BNWAS) on Georgian flagged vessels is voluntary.

**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.

