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To: All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the
Georgian Flag, Masters and Officers, Recognized Organizations
and Georgia flag state inspectors

Subject: List of Publications to be placed on board ships flying the Georgia flag.

Reference: IMO Circular MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2, IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships, issued 01 June 2006

Note: This circular withdraw and replaces following MTA Circular: Circular № 007/ FSI 004, issued on 30- May-2013 year

1. Purpose:

1.1 The main purpose of this circular is to provide guidance in a concise form to shipowners /operators, companies and audit teams according to the ISM Code and organizations performing the ISM Code certification of IMO requirements on carriage of publications.

2. Introduction

2.1 The Maritime Safety Committee together with Marine Environmental Protection Committee provided requirements on carriage of publications on board ships (refer to MSC-MEPC.2/CIRC.2 issued on June 01, 2006).

2.2 IMO instruments such as the SOLAS, MARPOL, LL, COLREG and STCW Conventions deal with many operational aspects, inter alia, navigational responsibilities, safety-related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities and watchkeeping standards. Therefore, these publications, although not expressly required by IMO instruments, should be carried on board in order to improve the crew's knowledge and to enhance the implementation of IMO instruments. No deficiency should be filed by port State control authorities against ships not carrying such publications on board. However, a non-conformity should be filed by ISM auditors against ships not carrying such publications on board in accordance with Georgia regulations and/or the ship's Safety Management System (SMS).

3. Applications

3.1 This Circular applies to all Georgia flag vessels engaged in the international water.

4. Publications

4.1 The publications may be carried in the form of electronic media (e.g. CD-ROM) in lieu of hard copies. Acceptable publications in electronic form should be those issued by IMO or an MTA or a body authorized/recognized by an MTA to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. A medium could either contain a publication or as many publications as possible. In any case, the media should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ship's SMS including procedures for timely update.

4.2 The publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies, bearing in mind that such publications need to be readily available for use in case of emergency without being restricted to a specific place and by the availability of a computer.

4.3 All publications on board ships, regardless of format, must be the latest editions or duly corrected and up to date. In cases where copies of Georgia regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not be carried on board.

4.4 For convenience the list of currently publications catalog is available on IMO web-page:

<http://www.imo.org/en/Publications/Pages/Home.aspx>

4.5 From 29, January, 2013, MTA recognized the use of UK Hydrographic office (UKHO) digital nautical publications in lieu of their paper equivalents to meet SOLAS carriage requirements.

4.6 From 27, May, 2013, MTA recognized the use of KR-CON as an electronic media in lieu of hard copies of IMO publications in accordance with IMO Circular (MSC-MEPC.2/CIRC.2.)

5. Transitional and concluding provisions

5.1 From 1st June, 2020, the owners, managers and shipmasters of the vessels flying Georgia flag, shall take all appropriate measures to ensure availability of the publications on board of ships as indicated in annex I of this circular.

Annex I - list of Publications required on board.

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