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To: All shipowners, shipmanagers, designated persons of German ships

Sub.: 1. Guidelines for the operational implementation of the ISM Code by companies (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5)
2. Experience, qualifications and training for the role of designated person under the ISM Code (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6)

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its fifty-sixth session, and the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its eighty-third session, approved the guidelines for the operational implementation of the ISM Code by companies, issued as MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5 and the guidelines on experience, qualifications and training for the role of designated person under the ISM Code, issued as MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6.

2. Circular MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5 contains guidelines for the operational implementation of the ISM Code by companies and establishes basic principles for:

- the role of the designated person under the ISM Code;
- reviewing safety management systems;
- reporting and analysing of non-conformities, accidents and near misses;
- performing internal safety audits and management reviews.

3. Circular MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6 provides guidance to shipping companies on the experience, qualifications and training for the role of the designated person under the provisions of the ISM Code.

4. Shipowners, shipmanagers and designated persons are requested to take note of this circular and to ensure that the a.m. IMO-Circulars are taken into account within the safety management system (SMS). Copies of MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5 and MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6 are available on our website at:

<http://www.see-bg.de/schiffssicherheit/isme/ - msc>