



## SHIP-SAFETY-DIVISION International Safety Management (ISM)

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

**Sub.: IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme**

1. This circular provides guidance on the new requirements regarding company and registered owner identification numbers.

2. Following IMO resolution MSC.160(78) and the application of IMO Circular letter No. 2554/Rev.1 the IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number was introduced as a measure to enhance maritime safety, security and environmental protection of maritime fraud. Its purpose is to assign a permanent number for identification purposes to each company and/or registered owner managing ships of 100 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages.

3. At its eightieth session in May 2005, IMO adopted the new SOLAS regulation XI-1/3-1 (MSC.194(80)) to the effect, that the Company and Registered Owner Identification Number shall be inserted on the interim and full term Document of Compliance (DOC) and Safety Management Certificate (SMC) when these certificates **are issued or renewed on or after 1 January 2009**.

For further information please refer to IMO Circular letter No. 2554/Rev.1 attached to this circular.

4. It is noted that many companies of German registered ships have already obtained their identification numbers. For those who have not been assigned with the required numbers, they can obtain their number directly from Lloyd's Register Fairplay (LRF) free of charge. The details are as follows:

Lloyd's Register Fairplay Ltd.

Lombard House

3 Princess Way

Redhill

Surrey RH1 1UP

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Telephone :(+44) 1737 379000

Fax :(+44) 1737 379001

Web :<http://www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com/>

E-mail :<mailto:owners-data-feedback@lrfairplay.com>

The See-Berufsgenossenschaft will contact any company managing german ships covered by the scheme to compare its database with the correct number.

5. All parties concerned are requested to take note of this circular.

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

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