



Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit BG Verkehr

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Subject: CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION/SURVEY OF MEANS OF EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

Reference: ISM-Code Maintenance of Ship and Equipment
SOLAS Reg. II-1/3-9, MSC.1/Circ.1331

Remark: This circular need not be carried on board of ships.

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Explanatory note:

According to IMO Resolution MSC.256(84) the new SOLAS Reg. II-1/3-9 came into force on 01.01.2010:

Means of embarkation on and disembarkation from ships

- 1. Ships constructed on or after 1 January 2010 shall be provided with means of embarkation on and disembarkation from ships for use in port and in port related operations, such as gangways and accommodation ladders, in accordance with paragraph 2, unless the Administration deems that compliance with a particular provision is unreasonable or impractical.*
- 2. The means of embarkation and disembarkation required in paragraph 1 shall be constructed and installed based on the guidelines developed by the Organization.*
- 3. For all ships the means of embarkation and disembarkation shall be inspected and maintained in suitable condition for their intended purpose, taking into account any restrictions related to safe loading. All wires used to support the means of embarkation and disembarkation shall be maintained as specified in regulation III/20.4.*

Concerning this we want to clarify that the provision set out in paragraph 3 refers to the maintenance and inspection on **all ships** regardless of the date of keel laying and installation of the equipment.

This entails that the wires of the appropriate equipment always have to be changed analogous to SOLAS Reg. III/20.4 when it is necessary due to deterioration or damage, but latest after 5 years.

In the case of equipment installed before 01.01.2010 the 5-yearly interval starts with the date the wires were changed the last time.

In this context we would like to draw your attention to the IMO MSC.1/Circ.1331 GUIDELINES FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION/ SURVEY OF MEANS OF EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION and ask you for implementation on board.

You will find copies of this ISM-Circular, IMO-Resolution MSC.256(84) and IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1331 on our homepage:

<http://www.bg-verkehr.de/service/downloads/dienststelle-schiffssicherheit/ism-international-safety-management>

Action required:

Companies are requested to ensure the implementation of the aforesaid requirements on board and to add the maintenance and inspection of gangways, accommodation ladders and similar equipment to their procedures for the maintenance of ship and equipment.

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