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## Circular 02/2014 (ISM)

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**Subject:** Amendments to SOLAS Ch. III and the ISM-Code entering into force on 01.01.2015

**Reference:** SOLAS, ISM-Code

**Attachments:** Res. MSC.350(92), Res. MSC.353(92), Res. A.1050(27)

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### **Amendments to SOLAS Chapter III and to the ISM-Code entering into force on 01.01.2015**

In its 92nd Session the Maritime Safety Committee adopted amendments to SOLAS (Resolution MSC.350(92)) and to the ISM-Code (Resolution MSC.353(92)) which shall **enter into force on 01.01.2015**.

#### **Safety instructions for passengers**

The time when muster of passengers according to SOLAS III, Reg. 19.2.2 shall be carried out will be harmonized with the time of passengers' safety briefing according to SOLAS III, Reg. 19.2.3. Musters shall be carried out before departure or immediately after departure.

#### **Enclosed space entry and rescue drills**

According to SOLAS III, Reg. 19.3.3 crew members with enclosed space entry and rescue responsibilities shall participate in corresponding safety drills **at least once every two months**.

Enclosed space entry and rescue drills should be planned and conducted considering the recommendations provided by the IMO (Resolution A.1050(27) *Revised Recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships*). In this context we refer to Handbuch See of the BG Verkehr, B13.1 Gefährliche Räume (only available in German language).

The drills shall include the following items:

- checking and use of personal protective equipment,
- checking and use of communication equipment,
- checking and use of instruments for measuring the atmosphere,
- checking and use of rescue equipment,
- instructions in first aid and resuscitation techniques

(SOLAS III, Reg. 19.3.6).

Every crew member shall be instructed about risks associated with entering enclosed spaces and applicable procedures on board. The instruction shall be given within the regular intervals of instructions in the use of the ship's life-saving and fire-extinguishing appliances **every two months** (SOLAS III, Reg. 19.4.2.5 in conjunction with Reg. 19.4.1).

Drills shall be recorded in the ship's log-book.

Comparable regulations are included in the HSC-Code, MODU-Code and DSC-Code also coming into force on 01.01.2015.

## **Amendments to the ISM-Code**

According to paragraph 6.2 of the ISM-Code the company is required to ensure that the ship is appropriately manned in all situations of ship operation (cf. Principles of minimum safe manning, Resolution A.1047(27)):

*"6.2 The Company should ensure that each ship is:*

- .1 manned with qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers in accordance with national and international requirements; and*
- .2 appropriately manned in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations on board."*

According to new paragraph 12.2 the responsible company is obliged to verify in regular intervals whether third parties which undertake ISM-related tasks act in conformity with the company's safety management system:

*"12.2 The Company should periodically verify whether all those undertaking delegated ISM-related tasks are acting in conformity with the Company's responsibilities under the Code."*

In the ISM-Code, reference to guidelines and recommendations developed by the IMO will be added in footnotes.

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