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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Requirements on Carriage of Publications On Board Ships

References: **(a)**   **MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2,** *IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships*, dated 1 June 2006

  (b)   **RMI Marine Notice 7-041-6**, *Nautical Chart and Publication Carriage and Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) Requirements*

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Notice is to provide guidance to shipowners and operators, port State control officers (PSCOs), Companies and audit teams performing, according to the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and Recognized Organizations (ROs), the ISM Code certification of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) requirements on carriage of publications. The publications explicitly required by IMO instruments to be carried on board ships are listed in the Appendix to this Notice.

This Notice supersedes Rev. 11/15 and reflects the addition of NAVTOR to section 5.0.

APPLICABILITY:

This Notice applies to all commercial vessels and yachts in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Registry.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0   IMO instruments such as the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code , International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL), International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (LL), Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG), and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 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 PSCOs against ships not carrying such publications on board. However, a nonconformity should be filed by ISM auditors against ships not carrying such publications in accordance with National requirements and the ship's Safety Management System (SMS).

2.0   The publications may be carried in the form of electronic media, such as CD-ROM, in lieu of hard copies. Publications which may be carried in electronic form are those issued by the IMO or the RMI Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") or a body authorized by the Administrator to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. Electronic media may contain one (1) publication or as many publications as possible. In any case, the electronic media should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships' Safety Management System (SMS) including procedures for timely updating of the publications.

3.0   **Regs4Ships CD ROM**

Regs4ships Ltd. has agreed to provide for RMI flagged vessels and their management companies electronic regulations, technical information, SOLAS, STCW and MARPOL. The cost and other details are available on their website, www.regs4ships.com. The cost decreases as the number of subscriptions increases.

The product is available on the internet and on a CD on an annual subscription basis. The Internet version is updated in real-time and the CD version is updated every two (2) months.

The Internet version is typically meant to be used by management companies and other shore based users and the CD is typically meant to be used on board the vessel.

The product contains everything comprising the MI-300 packaged together with fully updated SOLAS, MARPOL and STCW. Both the Internet and CD versions have powerful search facilities and clear, easy to use keyword and category indexes. The information is inter-linked so that, for example, an RMI Marine Notice referring to SOLAS is referenced to that section in the digital SOLAS.

This service will be regarded by the Administrator as satisfying its regulatory requirement to carry SOLAS, STCW and MARPOL publications on board.

4.0   **Electronic Nautical Publications**

Electronic nautical publications distributed directly by a Hydrographic Office or through a service approved by a Hydrographic Office may be carried to either partially or fully fulfill the requirements for the carriage of nautical publications, including Notices to Mariners, in the RMI Maritime Regulations and Chapter V of SOLAS subject to the requirements of RMI Marine Notice 7-041-6. The electronic programs listed in section 5.0 herein have been reviewed and accepted by the Administrator. This list does not apply to the distribution and correction of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) for use in an ECDIS.

5.0　List of Approved Electronic Programs

Product Name	Website	Phone
C&C Marine Combine e-Mariner	www.ccmarine.in	+91 22 22661937
ChartBrowser	www.chartworld.com	+49 40853586940
ChartCo	www.chartco.com	+44 20 82 67 00 03
Datema	www.datema.nl	+31 (0) 596 63 52 52
Digitrace	www.marinepress.com	+1 514 866 8342
E. W. Liner Chartwatch	www.ewliner.com	+65 63230773
Jeppesen Marine	www.jeppesen.com	+1 800 353 2107
John Lilley & Gillie Ltd.	www.lilleyandgillie.co.uk	+44 191 257 2217
Maptech Inc.	www.maptech.com	+1 978 792 1000
MARIS	www.maris.no	+47 97 47 2000
Martin Chart Track	www.martin.be	+32 (3) 213 41 70
Nautis Forlag	www.nautisk.com	+47 22 00 85 00
NAVTOR	www.navtor.com	+47 51 49 22 00
NOVACO	www.novaco.co.uk	+44 1279 88234
Ocean Pro Eraclea Diginotices	www.oceanprosystem.com	+39 0833 585757
Poseidon Navigation Services Ltd.	www.poseidonnavigation.com	+44 1542 841245
SafeNav	www.safenavigation.com	+1-562-590-8744
TG e-Data	www.tgtedata.com	+44 (0) 1224 595045
TGNS Voyager	www.tgnsvoyager.com	+44 1224 595045
UK Hydrographic Office	www.ukho.gov.uk	+44 1823 723 366

6.0　Publications for Emergency Use

Notwithstanding paragraphs 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 above, the publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies. See reference (b) above for details regarding backup requirements for ECDIS and electronic nautical publications. When electronic nautical publications with electronic backup are carried, portions of the publications needed for navigation while the vessel is en route between ports (tides and current tables, light list, etc.) should be printed and included with the voyage plan, unless the electronic backup is an independent computer system with its own emergency source of power.

APPENDIX

Minimum Requirements for Publications to be carried on board ships*

Name of publication	Required by	Applicable ship	Remarks
SOLAS (Consolidated Edition, – 2014)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
MARPOL (Consolidated Edition, 2011)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
LL (2005 Edition)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
COLREG (Consolidated Edition 2003)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
STCW (2011 Edition)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
IBC Code (2007 Edition)	IBC, paragraph 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after 1 July 1988
BCH Code (2009 Edition)	BCH, paragraph 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built before 1 July 1986
IGC Code (1993 Edition)	IGC, paragraph 18.1.2	Gas Carriers	Built after 1 July 1986
IMDG Code (2014 Edition) and IMDG Code Supplement (2014 Edition)	SOLAS VII	All Ships	Carrying Dangerous Goods in Package Form or Bulk
IMSBC Code and Supplement (2013 Edition, incorporating amendment 02-13)	SOLAS VI/1.1	All Ships	Carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes
Code of Safe Practices for Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011 (2012 Edition)	RMI Administrator	Cargo Ships (as applicable)	
International Code of Signals** (2005 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.1	All Ships	
IAMSAR Manual Volume III (2013 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.2	All Ships	
ICS International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (5th Edition)	RMI Administrator	Oil Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals) (3rd Edition)	RMI Administrator	Chemical Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) (2nd Edition)	RMI Administrator	LNGs	
Nautical Charts & Publications***	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, paragraphs 1.2.3 and 11.3	All Ships	Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship's SMS manual and the RMI Maritime Regulations

Notes:
* All publications on board ships, regardless of format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected and up to date. In cases where copies of RMI Regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not be carried on board.
** See paragraph 6.0 "Publications for Emergency Use."