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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Issue of Exemption Certificates under the 1974 SOLAS Convention and amendments thereto

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (19 November to 8 December 2006), considered the issue of Exemption Certificates to individual ships with respect to the requirements for fire protection, detection and extinction and for life-saving equipment and arrangements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, and agreed that the circular needed to be updated to reflect amendments to SOLAS chapters II-2 and III adopted in recent years.

2 The Committee agreed that the established practice relating to the issue of Exemption Certificates when an Administration makes use of the provisions of chapter III referring to "warm climates" should continue to be followed.

- 3 The Committee further decided to amend SLS.14/Circ.115 as follows:
 - .1 in the annex, under the heading "Chapter II-2 (1974 SOLAS Convention/Amendments)":
 - .1.1 add the reference "/1.4.1 (00 Nov)" after the reference "1(e)/1.4.1(81)";
 - .1.2 add the reference "/10.2.1.2.2.2 (00 Nov)" after the reference "-/4.3.4.3(81)";
 - .1.3 add the reference "/13.3.2.1.1 (00 Nov)" after the reference "48(a)(i)/28.1.1(81)";
 - .1.4 add the reference "/7.6 (00 Nov)" after the reference "32(a)(iii)/40.2(81)/40.2(89)";
 - .1.5 add the reference "/13.3.3.6 (00 Nov)" after the reference "-/45.1.3(81)";
 - .1.6 add the reference "/10.7.1.4 (00 Nov)" after the reference "-/53.1.3(96)"; and
 - .1.7 add the reference "/-" after the reference "-/60.4.2(81)"; and
 - .2 in the annex, under the heading "Chapter III (1974 SOLAS Convention/Amendments)":
 - .2.1 add the reference "/2.1 (96 May)" after the reference "3(a)/2.1(83)";
 - .2.2 add the reference "/LSA Code, paragraph 4.4.8.32" after the reference "11(b)/41.8.32(83)";

- .2.3 add the reference "/22.4.1.2 (96 May)" after the reference "-/21.4.2.2(83)";
- .2.4 add the reference "/32.3.2.3 (96 May)/ 32.3.2 (04 May)" after the reference "-/27.3.2.3(83)";
- .2.5 add the reference "/32.3.3.3 (96 May)/32.3.2 (04 May)" after the reference "-/27.3.3.3(83)"; and
- 2.6 add a new reference at the end of the list, after "35(a)(i)/-" as follows:
 - "-/7.3 (96 May) Protective clothing for rescue boat crews and MES parties".