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**OFFICE OF THE  
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR**

**Marine Notice**

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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, dated 1 June 2006  
(b) Marshall Islands Marine Notice 7-041-6**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Notice is to provide guidance in a concise form to shipowners and operators, port State control officers (PSCOs), Companies and audit teams according to the ISM Code and Recognized Organizations performing the ISM Code certification of 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. 9/08.

**APPLICABILITY:**

This Notice applies to all commercial Vessels and Yachts in the Marshall Islands registry.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**1.0** IMO instruments such as the SOLAS, MARPOL, LL, COLREG and STCW Conventions 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 port State control authorities against ships not carrying such publications on board. However, a non-conformity 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. Acceptable publications in electronic form should be those issued by the IMO or the Administration or a body authorized by the Administration to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. A medium could either contain a publication or as many publications as possible. In any case, the media should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships' SMS including procedures for timely update.

### **3.0 Regs4Ships CD ROM**

Regs4ships Ltd. has agreed to provide for Marshall Islands 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](http://www.regs4ships.com). The cost decreases as the number of units subscribing 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 on the MI-300 CD 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, a MI Marine Notice referring to SOLAS is referenced to that section in the digital SOLAS.

This service will be regarded by the Administration as satisfying its regulatory requirement to carry the MI-300 CD and SOLAS, STCW and MARPOL publications on board.

### **4.0 Maritime Digital Services**

The Administration will accept the use of MARIS Maritime Digital Services and TGNS Voyager software, both of which are intended to be used to distribute British Admiralty Notices to Mariners in digital format via either Internet or email communications, to fulfill the carriage requirements for Notices to Mariners contained in both the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Regulations and Regulation 19.2.1.4 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended. This acceptance will be rescinded if the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office determines that the MARIS Maritime Digital Services and/or TGNS Voyager software no longer meet that Office's success criteria for the transmission of British Admiralty Notices to Mariners in digital form.

**5.0** Notwithstanding paragraphs 3.0 and 4.0 above, the publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals, the IAMSAR Manual and Nautical Charts and Publications should always be available in the form of hard copies, bearing in mind that such publications need to be readily available for use in case of emergency without being restricted to a specific place and by the availability of a computer (reference (b)).

## APPENDIX

### Publications minimally required to be carried on board ships\*

| Name of publication               | Required by                         | Applicable ship  | Remarks   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| IBC Code                          | IBC, paragraph 16.2.1               | Chemical Tankers | Built after 1 July 1988   |
| BCH Code                          | BCH, paragraph 5.2.1                | Chemical Tankers | Built before 1 July 1986  |
| IGC Code                          | IGC, paragraph 18.1.3               | Gas Carriers     | Built after 1 July 1986   |
| International Code of Signals**   | SOLAS V/21.1                        | All Ships        |   |
| IAMSAR Manual Volume III**        | SOLAS V/21.2                        | All Ships        |   |
| 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 Marshall Islands Maritime Regulations |

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Note: \* All publications on board ships, regardless of format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected up to date. In cases where copies of Marshall Islands Regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not be carried on board.

\*\* These publications for emergency use should always be available on board ships in the form of hard copy.