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Date 13.12.2023

DGS Order: 21 of 2023

Subject: Amendments to International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the protocol of 1988 relating to Chapter III thereto and its applicability – reg.

Whereas, the Government of India has ratified the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and the Convention entered into force on 25th May 1980 through accession. The Convention as modified by the protocol of 1988 entered into force on 22nd November 2000 through accession. Article 1 of the Convention mandates general obligation of the Government to undertake all measures which may be necessary to give effect to the Convention.

2. Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, as amended incorporates the Convention and is defined at Section 3 (37) as "Safety Convention" means the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea signed in London on the 1st day of November, 1974 as amended from time to time. Further, the mandatory Codes as indicated in the Convention and its amendments from time to time is in effect and applicable to the vessels.

3. Whereas, The Merchant Shipping Act, Part IX – Safety, Section 283 to 309 provides legislative provisions and powers for implementation of various requirements under the SOLAS Convention on all Indian and foreign vessels. The Merchant Shipping Act, Clause 288 provides powers to make rules regulating the Life Saving Appliances of ships for the purpose of compliance with the Convention. The Merchant Shipping Act, section 436 (1) and (2) provides enforcement provisions.

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4. Whereas, the Government has issued Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 1991 & Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 1995 as a measure to give effect to the Convention. The government has issued various executive orders from time to time providing instructions for Life Saving Appliances of vessels. Further, guidance on 'to the satisfaction of the Administration' is issued vide DGS Circular 02 of 2014 dated 20.03.2014, 03 of 2014 dated 03.04.2014, 01 of 2022 dated 27.01.2022 and MS Notice 01 of 2020 dated 06.01.2020.

5. Whereas, the Recognised Organizations (RO) were notified vide notification dated 26th December 2014, and as indicated, an agreement is entered into with each RO to carryout surveys and certification as per the Convention.

6. Noting that, IMO has issued various amendments to the Convention from time to time, which is annexed to this Order at "Annexure- 1". As defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, such amendments to the Convention are already in effect and applicable to Indian vessels.

7. The stakeholders are therefore advised to be guided by this Order towards compliance with the provisions to give full effect to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and the mandatory Life Saving Appliances Codes.


(Shri Shyam Jagannathan)
Director General of Shipping

To,
All stakeholders through DGS website.

Annexure – 1

SOLAS Convention (International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the protocol of 1988 relating thereto)
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Amendments	Adopted		Effective date	III
	by	date		
1981 Amendments	Res.MSC.1(45)	20.Nov.1981	01.Sep.1984	1(c)(iii)(2), 27(c), 30(a), 38
1983 Amendments	Res.MSC.6(48)	17.Jun.1983	01.Jul.1986	1~53 (Completely revised)
1988 Amendments GMDSS	GMDSS/CONF/9	09.Nov.1988	01.Feb.1992	1, 6, 10, 38, 41, 42
1989 Amendments	Res.MSC.13(57)	11.Apr.1989	01.Feb.1992	41
1991 Amendments	Res.MSC.22(59)	23.May.1991	01.Jan.1994	18
	SOLAS/CONF.3/46	29.Nov.1995	01.Jul.1997	3.19, 6, 24-1, 24-2, 24-3, 24-4
1996 Amendments	Res.MSC.47(66)	04.Jun.1996	01.Jul.1998	1~37 (Completely revised)
2000 Amendments to 74 SOLAS	Res.MSC.91(72)	26.May.2000	01.Jan.2002	28.2
2002 Amendments	Res.MSC.134(76)	12.Dec.2002	01.Jul.2004	26
2004 Amendments	Res.MSC.152(78)	20.May.2004	01.Jul.2006	19, 20, 32
	Res.MSC.170(79)	09.Dec.2004	01.Jul.2006	31
2006 Amendments	Res.MSC.201(81)	18.May.2006	01.Jul.2010	7

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2006 Amendments	Res.MSC.216(82), Annex 1	08.Dec.2006	01.Jul.2008	6, 11, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 31, 32, 35
	Res.MSC.216(82), Annex 3	08.Dec.2006	01.Jul.2010	4, 38(new)
2008 Amendments	Res.MSC.256(84)	16.May.2008	01.Jan.2010	6, 26
2011 Amendments	Res.MSC.317(89)	20.May.2011	01.Jan.2013	1
2012 Amendments	Res.MSC.325(90)	24.May.2012	01.Jan.2014	20
	Res.MSC.338(91)	30.Nov.2012	01.Jul.2014	17-1,
2013 Amendments	Res.MSC.350(92)	21.Jun.2013	01.Jan.2015	19
2016 Amendments (96th)	Res.MSC.404(96)	19.May.2016	01.Jan.2020	3, 20
2017 Amendments	Res.MSC.421(98)	15.Jun.2017	01.Jan.2020	1, 30, 37
2021 Amendments	Res.MSC.482(103)	13.May.2021	01.Jan.2024	33
2022 Amendments	Res.MSC.496(105)	28.April.2022	01.Jan.2024	6

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