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TO ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES OPERATING SHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES AND OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT EFFECTIVITY OF THE 2000 AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS) 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice hereby given that virtue of the amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee Resolutions MSC.91 (72) and MSC.92 (72) which have entered into force on 01 January 2002, and those adopted Resolutions MSC.99 (73) and MSC.100 (73) and which shall enter into force on 01 July 2002, the following shall mandatorily followed by ships 500 GRT and above engaged in international voyages.

1. Resolution MSC.91 (72) adopted by the MSC at its 72nd Session contains amendments to Chapter III of the Convention, regarding helicopter landing and pick-up areas, and to the appendix thereto.
2. Resolution MSC.92 (72) adopted by the MSC at the same session contains amendments to the appendix to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol which brings the forms of safety certificates into alignment with the forms in the corresponding amendments to the Convention.
3. Resolution MSC.99 (73) adopted by the MSC at its 73rd Session (November/December 2000). It contains amendments to:
 - Chapter II-I (Construction-Structure, Subdivision and Stability, Machinery and Electrical Installations) regarding emergency towing arrangements for tankers, new installations of material containing asbestos and emergency sources of electrical power in cargo ships;

- Chapter II-2 (Construction-Fire Protection, Fire Detection and Fire Extinction) was totally revised, makes the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code), adopted by the MSC by Resolution MSC.98 (73), mandatory under SOLAS;
 - Chapter V on Safety Navigation was totally revised;
 - Chapter IX, concerning Management for the Safe Operation of Ships specially stating the mandatory application of the ISM Code;
 - Chapter X, making the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code), adopted by the MSC by Resolution MSC.97 (73), mandatory under SOLAS; and
 - The Appendix, introducing changes in the details of navigational systems and equipment to the Records of Equipment for the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (Form P) and the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (Form E).
4. Resolution MSC.100 (73) which was adopted by the MSC at the same session contains amendments to the appendix to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol introducing changes in the details of navigational systems and equipment to the Records of Equipment for the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (Form P), the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (Form E) and the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (Form C) in order to align them with the corresponding SOLAS amendments.

Attention is therefore invited for all Philippine overseas shipping companies and other maritime entities to comply with the requirements mandated by the SOLAS Convention by 01 January 2002 for Resolution MSC.91 (72) and Resolution MSC.92 (72) and 01 July 2002 for Resolution MSC.99 73 and Resolution MSC.100 (73).

Please be guided accordingly.

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