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**Notice to All Ship-Owners, Operators, Training Institutes, Authorized Manning Agents, Masters of Sri Lankan Flagged Ships, and Recognized Organizations.**

**Procedure and Guide lines IBC and IGC Codes for Sri Lankan Flag Ships.**

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation of the SOLAS Convention and the IBC and IGC Codes in providing guidance on the uniform application of the requirements for the location of entrances, air inlets and openings in the superstructures and/or deckhouses of oil and chemical tankers and gas carriers.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 92nd session in June 2013, approved the unified interpretation of the SOLAS Convention and the IBC and IGC Codes. This unified interpretation aims at providing guidance on the uniform application of the requirements for the location of entrances, air inlets and openings in the superstructures and/or deckhouses of oil and chemical tankers and gas carriers.

2. Ship-owners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Sri Lankan registered ships are required to use this unified interpretation as guidance on the application of the relevant requirements of the SOLAS Convention and the IBC and IGC Codes.

(a) IBC Code chapters 8 and 15, dealing with cargo tank venting systems and special requirements for certain substances have been updated to allow simplified procedures of assessment and improvements in constructional standards.

(b) IBC Code (1994 edition) chapters 17 and 18 now contain the only corrected and up to date list of the summaries of minimum requirements and list of chemicals to which the code does not apply. The lists contained in the BCH Code and MARPOL Annex II Appendix II and III will be replaced by a reference to the IBC Code. Safe Ships Clean Seas.

(c) A new chapter 20 dealing with liquid chemical wastes has been added to the code.

(d) The Antarctic Area has been designated as a Special Area thereby restricting operational discharges in that area still further and the list of substances attached to MARPOL Annex II has been transferred to the IBC code.

3. Further changes to note that do not stem from the amendments to SOLAS and MARPOL are:

(a) The introduction of a clause permitting equivalent measures adopted by member states of the European Community to be accepted.

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