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

### **Cargo Securing Manual**

**References** a) SOLAS regulation VI/5,  
b) SOLAS regulation VII/5,  
c) IMO MSC.1/Circ.1353

#### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to communicate all parties concerned with Sri Lankan flag ships, regarding the approval of cargo securing manual.

#### **2. Requirements**

2.1 The Cargo Securing Manual is required on all types of ships engaged in the carriage of all cargoes other than solid and liquid bulk cargoes.

2.2 In accordance with regulations VI/5 and VII/5 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, cargo units and cargo transport units shall be loaded, stowed and secured throughout the voyage in accordance with the approved Cargo Securing Manual, which shall be drawn up to a standard at least equivalent to the MSC.1/Circ.1353.

2.3 If applicable, Cargo Securing Manual manuals should be revised explicitly when the ship is intended to carry containers in a standardized system.

2.4 It is important that securing devices meet acceptable functional and strength criteria applicable to the ship and its cargo. It is also important that the officers on board are aware of the magnitude and direction

of the forces involved and the correct application and limitations of the cargo securing devices. The crew and other persons employed for the securing of cargoes should be instructed in the correct application and use of the cargo securing devices on board the ship.

2.5 The Merchant Shipping Secretariat approved recognized organisations are authorized to approve cargo securing manuals on behalf of this administration.

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