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IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships

Notice to :

Ship Owners / Manager / operators / Surveyors

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Dear Sirs,

Introduction

The Maritime Safety Committee together with Marine Environmental Protection Committee provided requirements on carriage of publications on board ships (refer to MSC-MEPC.2/CIRC.2 issued on June 01, 2006).

The Committees review and update the list of required publications, whenever is required.

Publications onboard ships

The publications listed on the table below are explicitly required by IMO instruments and shall always be carried on board. This is an updated list of publications to be carried on board ships.

Publication	Required by	Applicability	Remarks
IBC Code – Edition 2016	IBC, par. 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after July 01, 1986
BCH Code– Edition 2008	BCH, par. 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after July 01, 1986
IGC Code– Edition 1993	ICG, par. 18.1.3	Gas Carrier	Built after July 01, 1986
International Code of Signals	SOLAS V/21.1	All ships	Edition 2005
IAMSAR Manual Volume III	SOLAS V/21.2	All ships	Edition 2019
Nautical Charts & Publications	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All ships	
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, par. 1.2.3 & 11.3	All ships	vessels carried SMS manual

The International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual Volume III shall always be carried on board the vessel in the form of a hard copy since both publications are for emergency use. All publications regardless the format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected up to date. In case where copies of national regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not to be carried on board.

Additional publications

Other IMO publications such as the SOLAS, MARPOL, LL, COLREG and STCW Conventions shall also be carried on board either in hard copy or electronic format. As stated in IMO guidelines: “These publications, although not expressly required by IMO instruments, may need to be carried on board in order to improve the crew’s knowledge and to enhance the implementation of IMO instruments”.

Updated list of publications

The table below includes the updated list of publications. Although the table includes the latest editions, ship owners, managers and operators must always review and ensure that the latest publications are carried on board.

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SOLAS Consolidated Edition as Amended	All ships	Latest Consolidated Edition 2014. Older editions shall also be carried on board depending on the year of build of corresponding vessel.
ILO/IMO/WHO International Medical Guide for Ships	All ships	3rd Edition
International Ship Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2012. The ISPS Code 2003 Edition (I116E) is still valid.
Guide to Maritime Security and the ISPS Code	All ships	Latest Edition 2012
International Safety Management Code (ISM Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2018 which includes guidelines on implementation of the ISM Code
International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2015
International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code)	All ships provided with a Document of Compliance with the Special Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods	Latest edition 2018 which includes amendment 39-18
International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code Supplement (IMDG Code Supplement)	All ships provided with a Document of Compliance with the Special Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods	Latest Edition 2018
International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) and supplement	All ships provided with a Certificate of Compliance with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code	Latest Edition 2018 incorporating amendments 04-17
International Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers	Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers	Latest Edition 2013
International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code)	All ships provided with Document of Authorization for Carriage of Grain	Latest Edition 1991
Code of Safe Practice for ships carrying Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011	All ships carrying timber deck cargoes	Latest Edition 2011
Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Security (CSS Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2011
International Convention for safe containers 1972 (CSC 1972)	Container ships	Latest Edition 2014
Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007	All ships	Latest Edition 2008
BLU Code	Bulk Carriers	Latest Edition 2011 including BLU Manual
MARPOL 73/78	All ships	Latest Consolidated Edition 2017
MARPOL 73/78 Annex VI and NOx Code	All ships	Latest Edition 2017
International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT)	Oil Tankers	Latest Edition 5 th
Tanker Safety Guide (Liquified Gas)	LNG Tankers	2 nd 1995 Edition
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals)	Chemical Tankers	4 th 2014 Edition
Antifouling Convention 2001	All ships provided with Antifouling Certificate or Statement of Compliance	Latest Edition 2005
International Medical Guide for ships	All ships	Latest Edition 3 rd
International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001	All ships	Latest Edition 2004

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Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage	All ships that carry oil in bulk as cargo	Latest Edition 1996
Navtex Manual	All ships	Latest Edition 2017
Ballast Water Management Convention and the guidelines for its implementation	All ships	Latest Edition 2018
International Conference on Load Lines, 1966	All ships	Latest Edition 2011
International Conference on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969	All ships	Latest Edition 1969
International Code for the Construction and Equipment of ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)	All ships provided with Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk	Latest Edition 2016
Code For the Construction and Equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk (BCH Code)	All ships provided with Document of Compliance with the Special Requirements for Ships Carrying Chemicals in Bulk	Latest Edition 2008
Convention on the International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea, 1972 (COLREG 1972)	All ships	Latest Consolidated Edition 2003
Maritime Labour Convention	All ships	Latest Edition 2006
International Convention on Liability and Compensation for damage in connection with the carriage of hazardous and noxious substances at sea (HNS Convention)	All ships that carry hazardous and noxious substances	Latest Edition 2013
International Code for the Construction and Equipment of ships carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code)	All ships provided with Certificate of Fitness for the carriage of liquefied gases in bulk	Latest Edition 1993
Ships' Routeing	All ships	Latest Edition 2017
International Convention on standards of training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers, 1978 (STCW 1978)	All ships with exception to fishing vessels	Latest Edition 2017
STCW - F 95	Fishing Vessels	1996 Edition
International Life-saving appliances code (LSA Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2017
International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR Manual) Volume III -Mobile Facilities	All ships	Latest Edition 2016
International Code of Signals	All ships	Latest Edition 2005
Notice to Mariners	All ships	Weekly Updated Edition
Admiralty Chart Catalogue	All ships	Latest Edition 2016
Nautical Almanac Browns	All ships	Latest Edition 2016
Admiralty sailing directions	All ships	Latest Edition vary based on the coverage area
Admiralty Tide Tables	All ships	Latest Edition vary based on the coverage area
Admiralty List of Lights	All ships	Latest Edition vary based on the coverage area
Admiralty List of Radio signal	All ships	Latest Edition vary based on the coverage area
Procedures for Port State Control	All ships	Latest Edition 2018
ITU List of Coast Stations	All ships	Latest Edition 2015
ITU List of Ship Stations	All ships	Latest Edition 2015
ITU List of Radiodetermination and Special Service station	All ships	Latest Edition 2008

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ITU List of Call Signs and Numerical Identities of Stations used by the Maritime Mobile & Maritime Mobile Satellite Services	All ships	Latest Edition 2009
ITU Manual for use by the Maritime & Maritime Mobile Satellite Services	All ships	Latest Edition 2013
Global Maritime Distress and Safety System Manual (GMDSS Manual)	All ships	Latest Edition 2017
Bridge Procedures Guide	All ships	5 th Edition
IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP)	Applicable to all vessels to which SOLAS chapter I applies	2004 Edition
High Speed Craft (1994 HSC)	High Speed Craft Constructed on and after January 1, 1996 and before July 1, 2002.	1994 Edition
MODU Code 2009	Mobile offshore drilling unit Constructed on and after Jan 1, 2012	2009 Edition
MODU Code 2001	Mobile offshore drilling unit Constructed on before Jan 1, 2012	2001 Edition
Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes & Persons by Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV)	Offshore supply vessels	2001 Edition
Polar water guidelines	Vessels sailing in Polar areas	2010 Edition
Best Management Practices (BIMCO)	Vessels sailing through areas with piracy activity reported	5 th Edition
ICS Guide to helicopter/ship operations	Vessels involved in helicopter operations	4 th 2009 Edition

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Owners / Operators / Managers shall take these requirements into consideration and assure that the list of publications attached to this Circular are always carried on board in an updated edition.

P.M.S audit teams performing ISM Code certification shall ensure that the publications listed to this Circular are carried on board in the correct format and updated. All publications shall be treated according with the document control procedures in the ship's SMS including respected procedures for updating.

Kind Regards,

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