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Subject: AMENDMENTS FOR NEW INSTALLATION OF MATERIALS WHICH CONTAIN ASBESTOS

Dear Sirs,

Regulation 3-5 of the revised SOLAS Chapter II-1 –PART A-1 Structure of ships which came into force on January 1, 2009, places restrictions on new installation of materials containing asbestos.

"This regulation shall apply to materials used for the structure, machinery, electrical installations and equipment covered by the present Convention. For all ships, new installation of materials which contain asbestos shall be prohibited except for:

- .1 vanes, used in rotary vane compressors and rotary vane vacuum pumps;
- .2 watertight joints and linings used for the circulation of fluids when, at high temperature (in excess of 350 degrees) or pressure (in excess of 7 MPa), there is a risk of fire, corrosion or toxicity; and
- .3 supple and flexible thermal insulation assemblies used for temperatures above 1,000 degrees."

According to Resolution MSC.282(86) adopted June 5, 2009, the existing text of Paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"From January 1, 2011, for all ships, new installation of materials which contain asbestos shall be prohibited."

This amendment to statutory instrument is retroactive and applies for all types of ships (new and existing ships).

Summary

Convention	Ref.	Entry into force	New Ship	Existing	Type of ship	Summary	Origin	Comments
SOLAS	II-1/3-5	01/01/2011	X	X	All	From 1 January 2011, for all ships, new installation of materials which contain asbestos shall be prohibited	MSC.282(86)	Retroactive

Background Information

1. SOLAS (2009), "SOLAS consolidated edition 2009 of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and its Protocol of 1978: articles, annex and certificates". International Maritime Organization Publications, 2009, ISBN 978-92-801-1505-5



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2. IMO (2009), "Resolution MSC.282(86), Adoption of Amendments to the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended". International Maritime Organization, 2009

Best regards

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