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Subject: List of Certificates and Documents required to be Carried onboard Ships, 2017

Refer to: Ship Owners, Operators, all agents & Surveyors

BACK GROUND

The facilitation committee, at its forty-first session (FAL.2/Circ.131), The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its seventieth session(MEPC.1/Circ. 873), the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-seventh session (MSC.1/Circ. 1586), and the Legal Committee, at its one hundred and fourth Session(leg.2/Circ. 3), approved the list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships, 2017, as set out in the annex.

Since the issuance of FAL.2/Circ.127-MEPC/Circ. 817-MSC/Circ.1462, several instruments addressed in that circular have been amended. New instruments have been added, including the international convention for the control and management of ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 and Nairobi International convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007.

The certificates and documents listed by the FAL Circular are only those required under IMO instruments and it does not include certificates or documents required by other international organizations or governmental authorities.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This merchant Marine Notice intends to serve as a guideline to ship owners and operators by providing a consolidated list of certificates, documents and manuals, nautical charts and publications required to be carried onboard by several international conventions and instruments.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Provided they conform to their respective performance standards, nautical charts and publications provide on board may be carried in the form of electronic media such as CDROMs, USB Drive etc. adequate independent back-up arrangements to the nautical charts and publications used in case of emergency should be provided onboard, when an electronic media has been chosen.

All nautical charts and publications onboard ships, regardless of format, should be the latest edition or duly corrected up to date.

Nautical publications, documents, manuals and instructions on board ships, shall be written in a language understandable by those officers and crewmembers that are required to understand such information in the performance of their duties.

Logs and record books should be kept following the recommendations adopted by international organizations such as the IMO, ITU, ILO, etc. (e.g. IMO resolution A.916(22) on guidelines for the recording of events related to navigation).

The vessel flag administration in the exercise of its rights and obligations during the course of an investigation may request an official translation into the English language of records when these are kept in a different language from English.



ACTIONS REQUESTED

this encourage all ship owners and operators to take note of the contents o this notice and to bring it to the attention of masters, crewmembers and other personnel to ensure its provisions are enforced on board vessels

Look forward for your cooperation and assistance.

Best regards

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