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TO:

- (I) ALL OWNERS OF JAMAICAN SHIPS
- (II) MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF JAMAICAN SHIP
- (III) RECOGNIZE ORGANIZATIONS

1-Subject – AIS Annual testing

2-References- (a) Resolution MsC.308(88)

Amendments to SOLAS 1974 Chapter V Reg.18 (1st. july 2012)

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Background : The matter of incorrect AIS data being transmitted was brought up since MSC. 82 and then was addressed by MSC.1/Circ.1252 – guidelines on annual testing of the Automatic Identification System (AIS).

Summary MSC.88 adopted amendments to SOLAS regulation V/18 reflect the annual testing of the Automatic Identification System (AIS) equipment as follows:

“ the Automatic Identification System (AIS) shall be subjected to an annual test. The test shall be conducted by the approved surveyor or an approved testing or servicing facility. The test shall verify the correct programming of the ship static information, correct data exchange with connected sensors as well as verifying the radio performance by radio frequency measurement and on-air testing using e.g., a vessel traffic service (VTS). A copy of the test report shall be retained on board the ship.”

Implication:

Owners and Managers: provided that the safety equipments survey or passenger ship safety survey is carried out in conjunction with the safety radio survey, this may not introduce any practical problems. However, the method to verify actual data in the transmission may require careful consideration

Application:

Ships required carrying AIS on board, these being : all passenger ships regardless of tonnage, and cargo ships (Non- passenger ship) of 300 gt or over (engaged on international voyages) or 500 gt or over (engaged on non-international voyages)



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