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TO:

- (I) **ALL OWNERS, MASTERS OF JAMAICAN REGISTERED VESSELS**
- (II) **ALL MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF JAMAICAN REGISTERED VESSELS**
- (III) **RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF PERSONS FROM THE WATER

References: SOLAS Chapter III/Regulation 17-1, MSC 338(91), MSC.1/Circ.1447

Summary:

IMO adopted amendments to SOLAS 1974 on 30 November 2012 vide MSC 338(91). One of the amendments introduces a new regulation 17-1 to SOLAS chapter III.

This regulation shall enter into force on 01 July 2014. Ships constructed before 01 July 2014, shall comply with this requirement by the first periodical or renewal safety equipment survey of the ship carried out after 01 July 2014.

Requirements:

17-1 Recovery of persons from the water

1. All ships shall have ship specific plans and procedures for recovery of persons from the water, taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization (IMO).

The plans and procedures shall identify the equipment intended to be used for recovery purposes and measures to be taken to minimize the risk to shipboard personnel involved in recovery operations. Ships constructed before 01 July 2014 shall comply with this requirement by the first periodical or renewal safety equipment survey to be carried out after 01 July 2014, whichever comes first.

2. Ro-ro passenger ships which comply with SOLAS Chapter III, regulation 26.4 shall be deemed to comply with above regulation 17-1.

The plan and procedure do not require administration approval but will be checked as part of Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Survey. It should be noted that the plan and procedure should be ship specific. Please refer to the guidelines for the development of plans and procedures for recovery of persons from the water (MSC.1/Circ.1447). IMO resolution MSC 338(91) and circular MSC.1/Circ.1447 can be accessed from the [IMO website](#). Any queries for further clarification can be addressed to this Administration.

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