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TO:

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

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO ISM CODE**

Reference: IMO Resolution MSC 353(92)

**Introduction:**

Imo circular MSC 353(92) introduces amendments to ISM code which will enter into force on January 1, 2015,

**Summary of Amendments:**

**Amendments to section 6 - RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL**

The existing text of paragraph 6.2 is replaced with the following:

"6.2 The Company should ensure that each ship is:

- .1 manned with qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers in accordance with national and international requirements; and
- .2 appropriately manned in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations on board\*.

\* Refer to the *Principles of minimum safe manning*, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.1047(27)."

**NB:** The amendment 6.2.2 complements regulation 2.7 of the Maritime Labour Convention, (MLC ) 2006, which requires

that when determining, approving or revising manning levels, the competent authority shall take into account the need to avoid or minimize excessive hours of work, to ensure sufficient rest and to limit fatigue as well as the principles stated in IMO resolution A.1047(27).

## Requirements for Owners, Managers and Operators :

In view of the foregoing Owners, Operators and Managers may be required to re-evaluate the manning levels on their fleet vessels to assess if the vessels are appropriately manned in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations on board as it is the Owners, Operators and Managers responsibility to propose safe manning levels taking into consideration all aspects of minimum safe manning adopted by the Organization by resolution A 1047(27)

### Amendment to section 12 - COMPANY VERIFICATION, REVIEW AND EVALUATION

2 The following new paragraph 12.2 is inserted after existing paragraph 12.1 and the existing paragraphs 12.2 to 12.6 are renumbered as 12.3 to 12.7:

"12.2 The Company should periodically verify whether all those undertaking delegated ISM-related tasks are acting in conformity with the Company's responsibilities under the Code."

## Requirements for Owners, Operators and Managers :

This reinforces the requirement for companies to verify that all personnel carrying out ISM related tasks are doing so in accordance with the requirements of the ISM Code.

Companies are reminded that this applies equally to their own staff and sub-contractors.

### Introduction of New footnotes:

1 In paragraph 1.1.10, the following footnote is added after the words "Major non-conformity":

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"Refer to the *Procedures concerning observed ISM Code major non-conformities* (MSC/Circ.1059-MEPC/Circ.401)."

2 In paragraph 1.2.3.2, the following footnote is added after the word "account":

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"Refer to the *List of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety and security-related non-mandatory instruments* (MSC.1/Circ.1371)."

3 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 3:

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"Refer to the *Guidelines for the operational implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Companies* (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5)."

4 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 4:

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"Refer to the *Guidance on the qualifications, training and experience necessary for undertaking the role of the Designated Person under the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code* (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6)."

## Requirements for Owners, Operators and Managers:

It is the company's responsibility to ensure all relevant guidelines and recommendations from IMO are reviewed and taken into account or adopted into the SMS to ensure ongoing compliance with the code.

Referenced circular can be accessed from the [IMO website](#)

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