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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships

This circular is to inform shipowners, shipmanagers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2010 which came into effect on 1 January 2011.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY CONVENTION) (AMENDMENT No. 2) REGULATIONS, 2010

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2010 came into effect on 1 January 2011. These Regulations put into effect the amendments to the regulations annexed to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS 74) adopted by Resolutions MSC.269(85) and MSC.282(86) respectively.

- 2 The significant changes brought about by the amendments are —
- (a) New installations of material containing asbestos are prohibited without exception.
 - (b) Closed vehicle and ro-ro spaces and special category spaces fitted with fixed pressure water-spraying systems on all ships, regardless of the date of construction, are required to provide means to prevent the blockage of drainage arrangements.
 - (c) Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) is acceptable in lieu of paper charts and will become mandatory for passenger ships of 500 grt and upwards and cargo ships of 3,000 grt and upwards over a phased-in compliance period from 1 July 2012 to 1 July 2019.
 - (d) Passenger ships, regardless of size and cargo ships of 150 grt and upwards, are required to be fitted with a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS) over a phased-in compliance period from 1 July 2011 to 1 July 2015.

- (e) The International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, which superseded the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code) is made mandatory for ships carrying solid bulk cargoes other than grain.

3 Copies of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2010 (Government Gazette No. S7932010) may be purchased at:

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