



# DETERMINATION OF GROSS TONNAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLICATION OF CHAPTER IX (MANAGEMENT FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF SHIPS) AND THE ISM (INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT) CODE

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

This circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned parties that the gross tonnage to be used to determine whether a ship or a mobile offshore drilling unit is required to comply with the provisions of Chapter IX (Management for the Safe Operation of Ships) of SOLAS 74 and the ISM (International Safety Management) Code shall be that determined in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

Passenger ships of any gross tonnage, cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards and mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs) of 500 gross tonnage and upwards are required to comply with the provisions of Chapter IX (Management for the Safe Operation of Ships) of SOLAS 74 and the ISM (International Safety Management) Code.

2. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 82nd session in December 2006, agreed that the gross tonnage to be used for determining whether a cargo ship or a MODU engaged on international voyages is required to comply with the provisions of Chapter IX and the ISM Code shall be that determined in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 (TONNAGE 69). A circular (MSC.1/Circ.1231 dated 11 December 2006) on this was issued by IMO.

3. A copy of MSC.1/Circ.1231 circular (Interim Scheme for the Compliance of Certain Cargo Ships and Special Purpose Ships with the Management for the Safe Operations of Ships) can be found in our website under "Circulars & Notices > Shipping Circulars" at:

[http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/shipping\\_circulars/circ1231.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/circ1231.pdf)

4. Cargo ships and MODUs, and the managers and operators of such ships, which have not been complying with the provisions of Chapter IX and the ISM Code on the basis of the provisions of IMO Resolution A.494(XII) are to take note that they have to comply with the provisions of Chapter IX and the ISM Code by 1 January 2010. Such ships and their respective managers and operators which have been complying with the provisions of Chapter IX and the ISM Code shall continue to do so, notwithstanding the grace period for compliance given to ships which have not been complying.

5. IMO Resolution A.494(XII) (Revised Interim Scheme for Tonnage Measurement for Certain Ships) allows a ship required to be measured under the provisions of TONNAGE 69 to use the gross tonnage measured under national tonnage rules which were in effect prior to the date on which TONNAGE 69 came into force (which is 18 July 1982) for the application of the requirements of SOLAS 74.

6. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr. Tan Leong Beng at Tel No. 6375 6207.

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