

Commonwealth of Dominica



Office of the Maritime Administrator

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIP, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: International Maritime Conventions, Protocols, and Amendments to which the Commonwealth of Dominica is a Party.

REFERENCE: (a) The Dominica Maritime Act, 2000, as amended;
(b) The Dominica Maritime Regulations, 2002, as amended.

APPLICABILITY: All Dominica flagged vessels and associated companies.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned the relevant international instruments to which the Commonwealth of Dominica is a Party with which all Dominica flagged ships and associated companies must remain in compliance.

BACKGROUND:

On 21 September 2000 all International Conventions for which Dominica is a party came into force for all vessels under the Dominica International Registry.

REQUIREMENTS:

All Dominica flagged ships must remain in compliance with the following international instruments to which the Commonwealth of Dominica is a Party:

1. Convention on the International Maritime Organization, 1984 (IMO Convention);

2. 1993 Amendments to the IMO Convention which were adopted by the Assembly of the Organization on 4 November 1993 by Resolution A.735(18);
3. Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969;
4. International Regulations for Prevention Collisions at Sea, 1960;
5. Convention on Facilitations of International Maritime Traffic, 1965;
6. Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971;
7. International Convention on Load Lines, 1966;
8. Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966;
9. Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976;
10. Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973; including:
 - a. Annex I – Prevention of Pollution by Oil;
 - b. Annex II – Prevention of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances; and
 - c. Annex V – Prevention of Pollution by Garbage.
11. Annex III of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978;
12. Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978;
13. Convention Relating to Civil Liability in the Field of Maritime Carriage of Nuclear Material, 1971;
14. International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, 1990;
15. Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974;

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16. Protocol to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974;
17. International Convention on Salvage, 1989;
18. International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979;
19. International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974;
20. Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974;
21. Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974; including:
 - a. International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC);
 - b. International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC);
 - c. International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM);
 - d. International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG); and
 - e. Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs).
22. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended;
23. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988;
24. Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf; and
25. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

Required Action by Owners/Operators

Ship owners and operators are required to ensure that vessels under their ownership and/or management are fully compliant with the applicable rules, regulations, and policies associated with the above listed instruments.

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