Commonwealth of Dominica

Office of the Maritime Administrator

TO:	**ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**
SUBJECT:	**Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBD)**
REFERENCE:	**(a) 2000 SOLAS 74/78, Chapter II-2, Regulation 13**
	(b) MARPOL 73/78, Annex I, Regulations 4 and 5
PURPOSE:	**This Circular serves to identify those vessels under Dominica International Registry that are required to have EEBD's**
APPLICABILITY:	**This Circular applies to Owners and Operators of all vessels under the Dominica Maritime Registry, including some Mobile Offshore Drilling Units**

REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance to the 2000 SOLAS 74/78 amendments, Chapter II-2, Regulation 13, requirements for Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBD) are to be used for escape from compartments with the possibility of maintaining hazardous atmospheres. EEBD's are mandatory under the new amendments for vessels requiring Safety Equipment Certificates.

The Commonwealth of Dominica requirements for EEBD's are as follows:

1. Minimum of two (2) EEPD's in accommodation spaces. Applicable to all vessels other than Passenger Vessels.
2. Minimum of two (2) EEBD's in ships main vertical zones on Passenger Vessels carrying 36 passengers or less.
3. Minimum of four (4) EEBD's in ships main vertical zone on Passenger Vessels carrying more than 36 passengers.
4. Maximum of six (6) EEBD's or a minimum number equal to the full compliment of crew working during an ordinary work schedule in all vessels machinery spaces. EEBD's shall be strategically placed for immediate access, which are readily visible as well.
5. A minimum of two (2) spare EEBD's shall be available on all vessels, either in fire and emergency stations or on bridge of vessel.

6. Service duration must maintain a minimum of 10 minutes. The location and number of EEBD's are to be clearly identified on the vessels fire and emergency plans.

Note: Requirements for compliance will be 1 July 2002

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