

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

- TO:** **ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, MODU's AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**
- SUBJECT:** **Stability and Trim Information to be Supplied to the Master.**
- REFERENCE:**
- (a) **Dominica Maritime Regulation 2.2.1**
 - (b) **International Load Line Convention '66; Chapter II; Regulation 10**
 - (c) **SOLAS 1974 as amended Chapter II-1, Regulation 22**
- PURPOSE:** **This Circular is a reminder that under the provisions of Regulation 10, Chapter II of the Load Line Convention, the Master of every ship "shall be supplied with sufficient information, in an approved form, to enable him to arrange for the loading and ballasting of his ship in such a way as to avoid the creation of any unacceptable stresses in the ship's structure."**
- APPLICABILITY:** **The requirements of Regulation 10 apply to every ship the keel of which was laid or was at a similar stage of construction on or after 22 July 1968, including self-propelled Mobile Offshore Drilling Units.**
- REQUIREMENTS:**
- 1.0** Non-self propelled MODU's should comply with an IMO MODU Code.
 - 2.0** The Master of every ship not already provided with stability information under Regulation 22, Chapter II-1, SOLAS-1974, shall be supplied with sufficient information in an approved form to give him guidance as to the stability of the ship under varying conditions of service, and a copy shall be furnished to the Administration.
 - 3.0** For the purpose of complying with these Regulations, the term "in an approved form" shall mean approved by the Classification Society with which the ship is classed, such Society being one of the full members of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) authorized to act on behalf of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

- 4.0** Under the terms of the Dominica Maritime Regulations, a copy of the required stability information must be submitted to the Administration, however, the filing of such information with the Classification Society shall be deemed in compliance with that provision.
- 5.0** Classification Societies are reminded of the necessity to include information regarding ballast water exchange procedures in the ship's Stability Booklet.