

Commonwealth of Dominica



Office of the Maritime Administrator

TO: ALL DOMINICA FLAGGED VESSELS, SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND CREW

SUBJECT: CARRIAGE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN LIEU OF HARD COPIES OF IMO PUBLICATIONS

REFERENCE:

- (a) MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2 – IMO Requirements on Carriage of Publications on Board Ships;**
- (b) MSC/Circ.891 – Guidelines for the Onboard Use and Application of Computers;**
- (c) SOLAS 1974, as amended, Chapters IX and XI-1; and**
- (d) International Safety Management Code.**

APPLICABILITY: All Dominica Flagged Ships to which the ISM Code is applicable

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned the Commonwealth of Dominica's recognition of forms of electronic media that may be used in lieu of the carriage of hard copies of IMO publications.

BACKGROUND:

The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-first session and the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-third session approved the IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships as set out in the Annex of MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2. This

circular was issued to provide information relating to this requirement for compliance with IMO instruments through auditing and certification of the ISM Code.

REQUIREMENTS:

General

The Commonwealth of Dominica recognizes the requirement for carriage of publications in accordance with IMO instruments and other forms, documents, and publications that may be required by individual Safety Management Systems (SMS). Dominica also recognizes that these documents, with the exception of the *International Code of Signals* and the *IAMSAR Manual*, may be carried in electronic format.

Dominica Maritime Administration accepts electronic versions of required publications that are developed and distributed by IMO. This Administration also recognizes the use of electronically available publications that have been developed by and are available from KR-CON. Forms, documents, and other publications that are required by the Company's SMS may be carried on board in an electronic format that is readily available at all times.

Specific

The following conditions apply when using electronically available media to meet the IMO carriage requirements of publications:

1. This data should be permanently available on the navigation bridge or chart room along with the associated computer required and remain in accordance with MSC/Circ.891 – *Guidelines for the onboard use and application of computers*;
2. The electronically available media may not rely solely on web access; and
3. There shall be in place an effective system for ensuring the timely update of any electronic media used to satisfy the IMO carriage requirements of publications that should be integrated into the Company and shipboard SMS.

Publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual shall always be available on board Dominica ships in hard copy and shall be the most up-to-date version available.

Required Action by Owners/Operators

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Shipowners and operators are encouraged to review this information and ensure compliance with the IMO requirements for carriage of publications on board ships.

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