

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

- TO:** ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS
- SUBJECT:** SHIP'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
- REFERENCE:** a) SOLAS 74, Regulation XI-1/3
b) IMO Assembly Resolution A.600(15) on the IMO ship identification number scheme
- APPLICABILITY:** a) all Dominica passenger vessels of 100 GT and upwards
b) all Dominica cargo vessels of 300 GT and upwards

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned the applicable new provisions of SOLAS Convention, as amended by the Conference of Contracting Governments to the Convention on the Maritime Safety and Security, held in December 2002. The new requirements shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 Every passenger vessel of 100 gross tonnage and upwards and cargo vessel of 300 gross tonnage and upwards shall be provided with an identification number which conforms to the IMO ship identification number scheme adopted by the International Maritime Organization.
- 2 For ships constructed before 1 July 2004, the requirements of paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be complied with not later than the first scheduled dry-docking of the ship after 1 July 2004.
- 3 The ship's identification number shall be permanently marked:
 - .1 in a visible place either on the stern of the ship or on either side of the hull, amidships port and starboard, above the deepest assigned load line or either side of the superstructure, port and starboard or on the front of the

- superstructure or, in the case of passenger vessels, on a horizontal surface visible from the air; and
- .2 in an easily accessible place either on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the machinery spaces, as defined in SOLAS regulation II-2/3.30, or on one of the hatchways or, in the case of tankers, in the pump-room or, in the case of vessels with ro-ro spaces, as defined in SOLAS regulation II-2/3.41, on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the ro-ro spaces.
- 4.1 The permanent marking shall be plainly visible, clear of any other markings on the hull and shall be painted in a contrasting color.
- 4.2 The permanent marking referred to in paragraph 3.1 shall be not less than 200 mm in height. The permanent marking referred to in paragraph 3.2 shall not be less than 100 mm in height. The width of the marks shall be proportionate to the height.
- 4.3 The permanent marking may be made by raised lettering or by cutting it in or by center-punching it or by any other equivalent method of marking the ship identification number, which ensures that the marking is not easily expunged.
- 4.4 On vessels constructed of material other than steel or metal, the Administration shall approve the method of marking the ship identification number.

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