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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships

BRIDGE NAVIGATION WATCH ALARM SYSTEM (BNWAS) (RESOLUTION MSC.282 (86))

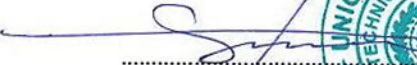
- Several amendments to the SOLAS 74 Regulations were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at the IMO on 5 June 2009 by Resolution **MSC.282 (86)**. These amendments will come into force on 1 January 2011.
- One of the amendments is the introduction of Regulation V/19.2.2.3 which requires passenger ships irrespective of their gross tonnage and cargo ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards, regardless of their dates of construction to be fitted with a Bridge Navigation Watch Alarm System (BNWAS).
- Ships constructed on or after 1 July 2011 is required to be fitted with BNWAS before they are put into service.
- For ships constructed before 1 July 2011, BNWAS is required to be fitted in accordance with the following time table:

SHIP TYPE	DEADLINE TO FIT BNWAS
PASSENGER SHIPS	NOT LATER THAN FIRST SURVEY AFTER 1 JULY 2012
CARGO SHIPS OF 3,000 GRT AND UPWARDS	NOT LATER THAN FIRST SURVEY AFTER 1 JULY 2012
CARGO SHIPS OF 500 GRT AND UPWARDS BUT LESS THAN 3000 GRT	NOT LATER THAN FIRST SURVEY AFTER 1 JULY 2013
CARGO SHIPS OF 150 GRT AND UPWARDS BUT LESS THAN 500 GRT	NOT LATER THAN FIRST SURVEY AFTER 1 JULY 2014

- According to SOLAS Regulation V/18.2 (Approval, surveys and Performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorder), the BNWAS fitted is required to conform to performance standards adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee.
- All BNWAS, including those fitted prior to 1 July 2011, are required to be type-approved to conform fully with the performance standards for BNWAS specified in MSC.128(75). Those fitted prior to 1 July 2011 which are not compliant to MSC.128(75) shall be replaced accordingly upon the phase-in dates in the table above.

Best Regards,

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