



To: SHIP OWNERS/ISM OPERATORS/RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS/RECOGNIZED SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS/GENERAL SAFETY INSPECTORS

Reference: Guidance on Arrangements “to the satisfaction of the Administration”

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REFERENCE

1. Merchant Ship (Registration) Act, 2010 (No. 22 of 2010).
2. Resolution A. 1070(28) “IMO Instrument Implementation Code (III Code)”, as amended.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to provide guidance to Shipowners/ISM Operators, Recognized Organizations, Recognized Security Organizations and General Safety Inspectors concerning compliance with the IMO convention requirements that are “***to the satisfaction of the Administration***” on Belize registered ships.

APPLICATION

This Merchant Marine Notice applies to all Belize registered ships.

DEFINITION

Criteria of the “***to the satisfaction of the Administration***” means, in the first instance, the rules or interpretations developed and approved by specialized International Organizations and recognized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), satisfying the requirements for each specific case.

Besides, Belize interpretation may be established according to their scope to comply with certain provisions of the relevant international instruments.



BACKGROUND

International Maritime Organization (IMO) conventions (i.e., SOLAS, MARPOL, Load Lines, COLREGs, etc.) have several rules and regulations which do not prescribe arrangements but there remains a specific requirement for that arrangement be “***to the satisfaction of the Administration***”.

The IMO Instrument Implementation (III) Code requires the development, documentation and provision of guidance concerning those requirements found in the relevant international instruments that are to the satisfaction of the Administration. This information is provided in this circular.

CONTENT

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) will consider in the first instance the interpretations developed and approved by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). In their absence, the unified interpretation approved by the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) may be used as a base to establish specific requirements to comply with certain provisions of the relevant international instruments.

However, if the Administration is not satisfied with any unified interpretation or no interpretation exists, then, its own interpretation will be established through the Circulars or through individual statements according to the specific case and will be considered on a “case by case basis”.

ACTIONS REQUESTED

This Administration would like to urge all Shipowners/ISM Operators, Recognized Organizations, Recognized Security Organizations and General Safety Inspectors to take note of the contents of this Notice and to ensure its provisions are enforced.

IMMARBE anticipates your cooperation and assistance.

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