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Subject:	Amendments to the ISM Code
Reference:	ISM Code

**The IMO Maritime Safety Committee in its Session 92 adopted amendments to the ISM Code through IMO Resolution MSC.353 (92) which shall enter into force on 1 January 2015.**

The amendments to the ISM Code are as follows:

Paragraph 6.2 has been amended requiring the Company to ensure that each ship is:

- manned with qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers in accordance with national and international requirements and
- appropriately manned ships in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations onboard.

A new Paragraph 12.2 has also been adopted requiring the Company to:

- periodically verify whether all those undertaking delegated ISM-related tasks are acting in conformity with the Company's responsibilities under the Code

The amended ISM-Code includes various new footnotes with guidelines and recommendations developed by the IMO. Although the footnotes given in the ISM-Code are inserted for reference and guidance purposes and do not constitute requirements under the Code, in accordance with paragraph 1.2.3.2, all relevant guidelines, recommendations, etc. should be taken into account.

The following guidelines have been added as footnotes to the amended ISM-Code:

- Procedures concerning observed ISM Code major non-conformities
- List of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety and security related mandatory instruments
- Revised Guidelines for the operational implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by companies
- Guidance on the qualifications, training and experience necessary for undertaking the role of the Designated Person under the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code

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- Guidelines for a structure of an integrated system of contingency planning for shipboard emergencies
  - Guidance on near-miss reporting
  - Revised list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships
- Ship managers are advised to ensure that all the above mentioned guidelines have been incorporated in the Safety Management System (SMS). Where necessary, amendments to existing procedures must be carried out.

REFERENCES:

- ISM Code

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