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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Publications to be Carried On Board
Reference	MSCMEPC.2/Circ.2

Minimum Requirements for Publications to be Carried On Board Dry Cargo Ships

The publications, as applicable to the dry cargo ship, listed below must be carried on board. This includes publications expressly required to be carried on board ship per MSCMEPC.2/Circ.2 and other international instruments, as well as those required to be carried on board by the Administration.

Electronic publications may be carried in lieu of hard copies with the exception of those for emergency. They must be issued by the IMO, the Administrator, or a body authorized by the Administrator to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. All publications on board ships, regardless of format, must be the latest editions or duly corrected and up to date.

A nonconformity must be filed by ISM auditors against ships not carrying the publications in accordance with National requirements and the ship's Safety Management System (SMS). No deficiency should be filed by Port State Control Officers against ships not carrying the additional Nationally required publications.

Electronic Nautical Publications

Electronic nautical publications must be issued officially by or on the authority of a Government-authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institutions.

Publications Required as Hard Copy

1) Publications needed for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual must always be available in hard copy.

2) When electronic publications with backups are carried, those portions needed for navigation while underway (tides and current tables, light list, etc.) must be printed and included with the voyage plan, unless the backup is an independent computer system with its own emergency power source.

Publications Distributors

1) An official global list of Distributors of IMO Publications is available on the IMO website. Distributors maintain a permanent stock of all IMO publications.

SOLAS (Consolidated Edition,2020)

MARPOL (Consolidated Edition, 2017)

LL (2005 Edition) RMI Administrator All Ships

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COLREG Consolidated Edition 2003)
STCW (2011 Edition)
MLC 2006 MLC,
IMDG Code (2018 Edition) and IMDG Code Supplement (2018 Edition)
SOLAS VII All Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods in Package Form or Bulk
Deck Cargoes
International Code of Signals (2005 Edition) SOLAS V/21.
IAMSAR Manual Volume III
Mobile Facilities (2019 Edition) SOLAS V/21.2
Nautical Charts & Publications SOLAS V/19.2.1
Publications required by ISM Code, ISM Code, paragraphs 1.2.3 and 11.3
Required publications to be carried are those specifically mentioned by the ship's SMS manual

REFERENCES:

- IMO Circular MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2, IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships, issued 01 June 2006

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