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**CARRIAGE OF INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL**

New SOLAS Chapter XV – Safety Measures for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel

The Sub-Committee finalized a draft new SOLAS Chapter XV addressing **cargo ships** and high-speed cargo craft of 500 gross tonnage and upward, carrying more than 12 industrial personnel. For the purposes of this new chapter, industrial personnel are persons transported or accommodated on board for the purpose of performing offshore industrial activities (construction, maintenance, decommissioning, operation, or servicing of offshore facilities related, but not limited, to exploration and exploitation of resources by the renewable or hydrocarbon energy sectors, aquaculture, ocean mining or similar activities) performed on board other ships and/or offshore facilities. Wherever the number of industrial personnel onboard appears as a parameter for application of a regulation, it shall be taken to mean the aggregate number of industrial personnel, special personnel and passengers carried onboard (where the number of passengers shall not exceed 12 persons). This amendment to SOLAS will coincide with the adoption of the Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel, or IP Code. The new SOLAS Chapter XV will be structured to clarify the application of the IP Code to vessels normally certified under SOLAS and the HSC Code. For existing ships constructed before entry into force of SOLAS Chapter XV that comply with the Interim Recommendations on the Safe Carriage of More Than 12 Industrial Personnel on Vessels Engaged on International Voyages (MSC.418(97), adopted 25 November 2016), a grace period will be given before selected regulations in the IP Code must be complied with. Existing cargo ships which carry more than 12 industrial personnel must comply with selected requirements of the IP Code by the first intermediate or renewal survey after entry into force of these amendments. Existing high-speed cargo craft which carry more than 12 industrial personnel

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must comply with selected requirements of the IP Code by the third periodical or first renewal survey after entry into force of these amendments. Existing cargo ships or high-speed cargo craft, irrespective of date of construction, which have not been authorized to carry more than 12 industrial personnel prior to entry into force of SOLAS Chapter XV must fully comply with and be certified in accordance with the IP Code before carrying more than 12 industrial personnel.

REFERENCES:

- SOLAS Chapter XV

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