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Directive (25 / 2014)

**Mandatory Requirement to Comply with the International Convention on SOLAS 74 for
Exemptions and Equivalent Certificates**

Applicable to: Ship owners, Recognized Organizations, Shipping Companies, Flag
State Surveyors

1. The Department of Marine Administration circulated this directive in the exercise of the power of Section 294(B), paragraph (b) of Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act.
2. Pursuant to the provision of Section 213 (A) of Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act, the Department of Marine Administration issued this Mandatory Requirement the construction standard, survey and certification of Myanmar vessels engaged on international voyages to be complied with the International Convention on SOLAS 1974.
3. The purpose of this directive is to issue with the requirement of SOLAS CHAPTER II-1, Regulation 5-1 and SLS. 14/ Circ. 115 to be used as "Exemption and Equivalent Certificate" for Myanmar flagged under the Convention of SOLAS 74.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Issue of Exemption Certificates under the 1974 SOLAS Convention and Amendments thereto

1 At its sixty-second session (24 to 28 May 1993), the Maritime Safety Committee considered Circular SLS. 14/Circ.54 on the Issue of Exemption Certificates under the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, noting that, under the provisions of regulation I/12(a)(vi) thereof, the Administration is required to issue an Exemption Certificate when an exemption is granted to a ship under, and in accordance with, the provisions of that Convention.

2 The Committee also noted that in various SOLAS regulations the words "exemptions", "relaxations", "dispensations" and "waivers" are used with apparently no intended difference in their meaning.

3 Having considered the matter, the Committee agreed that an Exemption Certificate should be issued when:

- .1 the conditions under which an exemption (relaxation, etc.) can be granted are of a general nature and open to interpretations;
- .2 there are no clear alternative conditions under which an exemption (relaxation etc.) can be granted;
- .3 the information concerning the exemption is not contained in other available documents such as special trade passenger ship certificates, stability information, document of authorization for the carriage of grain, etc.;
- .4 the information concerning an exemption is necessary for the application of the Convention by the Administration or the port State authorities when the ship is in service.

4 Annexed to this circular is a list of the regulations contained in the 1974 SOLAS Convention and its Amendments, where an Exemption Certificate should be issued when the Administration grants dispensations, relaxations, waivers or exemptions.

5 Exemption certificates should indicate the conditions on which exemption is granted.

6 It should be noted that particulars on exemptions granted under regulation I/4(b), regulation II-1/25-1.3 (1990 May amendments) and regulation IV/5 (1974 SOLAS) or regulation IV/3 (1988 GMDSS amendments) should be communicated to the Organization by the Administration concerned. In other cases, particulars on exemptions granted are not required to be communicated to the Organization.

7 When an Exemption Certificate is issued, port State authorities should interpret this as meaning that the ship complies with the provisions of the Convention.

8 Port State authorities are requested to check, whenever possible, with the Administration of the flag State should there be any doubt whether an exemption has been granted.

9 This circular supersedes SLS.14/Circ.54.

10 The Committee invites all SOLAS Contracting Governments to take note and adopt the procedure as prescribed above.

ANNEX

**LIST OF PROVISIONS OF THE 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION AND AMENDMENTS
THERETO WHERE AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE ISSUED IF
THE ADMINISTRATION GRANTS AN EXEMPTION ETC.**

Chapter I (1974 SOLAS Convention)

Regulation	Subject
4 (a)	Ship on single international voyage
4 (b)	Ship which embodies features of a novel kind

Chapter II-1 (1974 SOLAS Convention/Amendments)

Regulation	Subject
*1(c)/1.4(81)	Sheltered nature and conditions of voyage
** -/11.9(89)	Stern tubes
-/12-1.4(89)	Double bottoms in cargo ships other than tankers
-/20-1.3 (88 October)	Closure of cargo loading doors
-/25-1.3(90 May)	Subdivision and damage stability of cargo ships
-/25-9.1(90 May)	Openings in watertight bulkheads and internal decks in cargo ships
-/25-10.4(90 May)	External openings in cargo ships
-/53.2.1(81)	Stand-by generator (dispensation)

Chapter II-2 (1974 SOLAS Convention/Amendments)

Regulation	Subject
1(e)/1.4.1(81)	Sheltered nature and conditions of voyage
-/4.3.4.3(81)	Remote starting of fire pumps
48(a)(i)/28.1.1(81)	One means of escape (dispensation)
32(a)(iii)/40.2(81)/40.2(89)	Fire detection or alarm system on short voyages

* 1(c)/1.4(81) means regulation 1(c) of chapter II-1 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention and regulation II-1/1.4 of the 1981 SOLAS Amendments.

** Dash (-) means that there was no corresponding regulation previous to adoption of the amendment.

-/45.1.3(81)	One means of escape (dispensation)
-/60.4.2(81)	Inert gas systems for tankers less than 40,000 dwt

Chapter III (1974 SOLAS Convention/Amendments)

Regulation	Subject
3(a)/2.1(83)	Sheltered nature and conditions of the voyage
11(b)/41.8.32(83)	Equipment of lifeboats
13(b)/6.2.1.3(83)	Portable radio apparatus for survival craft*
-/21.4.2.2(83)	Thermal protective aids
-/27.3.2.3(83)	Immersion suits
-/27.3.3.3(83)	Immersion suits
35(a)(i)-	Liferafts for cargo ships on limited voyages

Chapter IV (1974 SOLAS Convention/Amendments)

Regulation	Subject
5/3.2 (88 GMDSS)	Partial, conditional or complete exemption from a radiotelegraph station (regulation 3) or a radiotelephone station (regulation 4)/partial or conditional exemption from the requirements for radio equipment (regulations 7 to 11)
-/7.4 (88 GMDSS)	Radiotelephone distress frequency watch receiver and the device for generating the radiotelephone alarm signal**
-/14.2(88 GMDSS)	Equipment fitted prior to February 1992
12(b)(iii)-	Radio equipment for homing on radiotelephone distress frequency (technical difficulties)

* Until 1 February 1995

** From 1 February 1997 to 1 February 1999

Chapter V (1974 SOLAS Convention/Amendments)

Regulation	Subject
12(b)/12(p)(81)/12(p)(88 GMDSS)	Radio direction-finding apparatus for ships of less than 5,000 gross tonnage (81)/Radio direction-finding apparatus (88 GMDSS)
-/12(j)(iii)(81)	Automatic radar plotting aid
-/12(u)(81)	Regulation 12, partial or conditional, depending on voyage
