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**Shipping Guidance Notice – 003**

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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters and Officers

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**Amendments to SOLAS 1974**

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee (Resolution MSC 152 (78)) has adopted a number of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, as amended. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2006 upon their acceptance by contracting Governments.

Amendments to the following Chapters/Regulations have been adopted:

**Chapter III – Live-Saving Appliances and Arrangements**

Regulation 19 – Emergency training and drills

Regulation 20 - Operational readiness, maintenance and inspections

Maintenance

Weekly Inspection

Periodic Servicing of launching appliances and on-board release gear

Regulation 32 - Personal life-saving appliances

Immersion suits

**Chapter IV – Radiocommunications**

Regulation 15 - Maintenance requirements

More information on these amendments can be obtained from the Gibraltar Department of Shipping or from the International Maritime Organisation.

All notices of all categories will be posted on the Department of Shipping's website which can currently be accessed through [www.gibmaritime.com](http://www.gibmaritime.com). As part of plans for an upgraded website the Department of Shipping will be introducing a restricted area (accessed through a password) for its clients.

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