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Shipping Guidance Notice 124

SOLAS 2020 Amendment Regulation 3-8 Towing and mooring equipment

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master's and Recognised Organisations

1. Summary

- 1.1. Effective 01 January 2024, the revised SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-8 requirements on towing and mooring equipment come into effect for ships constructed on or after 1 January 2007.
- 1.2. The regulation does not apply to emergency towing arrangements provided in accordance with SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-4.

2. Arrangements, equipment and fittings

- 2.1. Paragraph 5 of the regulation requires that arrangements, equipment and fittings provided in accordance with paragraph 4, meet the appropriate requirements of the Administration or an organization recognized by the Administration. In this respect, for arrangements, equipment, and fittings provided on Gibraltar registered ships, the guidance contained within the following Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) Circulars, should be applied:
 - [MSC.1/Circ.1175](#) for ships constructed on or after 1 January 2007 but before 1 January 2024; and
 - [MSC.1/Circ.1175/Rev.1](#) (as amended) for ships constructed on or after 1 January 2024.
- 2.2. For ships of 3,000 gross tonnage and above, Paragraph 7 requires, that the mooring arrangements shall be designed, and the mooring equipment including lines shall be selected, in order to ensure occupational safety and safe mooring of the ship, based on the guidelines developed by the Organization, and that ship-specific information shall be provided and kept on board. In respect of Gibraltar registered ships, the guidance contained within [MSC.1/Circ.1619](#) (as amended) should be applied.

2.3. Paragraph 8 requires ships of less than 3,000 gross tonnage to comply with the requirement in paragraph 7 above as far as reasonably practicable. In respect of Gibraltar registered ships, this means compliance as far as reasonably practical with [MSC.1/Circ.1619](#) (as amended).

2.4. Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the regulation only apply to ships:

- for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2024; or
- in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2024; or
- the delivery of which is on or after 1 January 2027.

3. Inspection and Maintenance

3.1. Paragraph 9 of the regulation requires that mooring equipment, including lines, shall be inspected and maintained in a suitable condition for their intended purposes. In this respect the guidance contained within [MSC.1/Circ.1620](#) (as amended) should be applied to equipment provided on Gibraltar registered ships.

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