
Changes to SOLAS Chapter V

Notice to all Notice to Shipowners, Builders, Masters, Suppliers, Companies.

This Notice supersedes (N/A new notice)

Summary

- By 1 January 2004 ships are required to carry an up-to-date copy of Volume III of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual.
- Regulation 21 - International Code of Signals - has been revised adding a new paragraph.

Introduction / Background

1. With effect from 01 January 2004 SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 21 - International Code of Signals - has been revised.
2. The title of the regulation is replaced by '*International Code of Signals and IAMSAR Manual*' and the existing paragraph is numbered as paragraph 1.
3. A new paragraph 2 is added as follows:
'2 All ships shall carry an up-to-date copy of Volume III of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual.'
4. SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 1 permits Administrations some flexibility on the extent to which Regulation 21 applies to certain categories of ships. Accordingly for UK ships this new provision will not apply to:
 - Ships below 150 gross tonnage on international voyages
 - Ships below 500 gross tonnage not engaged on international voyages, and
 - Fishing vessels.
5. UK ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards on international voyages and 500 gross tonnage and upward on domestic voyages should therefore carry Volume III of the IAMSAR Manual by 1 January 2004.
6. The Manual should subsequently be kept up to date as amendments are issued by the IMO.
7. The IAMSAR volume III is published by the IMO and available from IMO publications, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0)20 7735 7611, Fax: +44 (0)20 7587 3210, publications-sales@imo.org.
8. It is currently in two documents:

IA962E (2003 edition)	£25
IB964E (2003 Amendments)	£4

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