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MARINE NOTICE 142.1

**To: SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS
AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

Subject: BRIDGE NAVIGATION WATCH ALARM SYSTEMS (BNWAS)

1. References
 - 1.1 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, SOLAS, Consolidated Edition, 2014
 - 1.2 IMO Resolution MSC.350(92), *Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended*, adopted June 20th, 2013
 - 1.3 IMO Resolution MSC.128(75), *Performance standards for a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS)*, adopted May 20th, 2002
2. Purpose
 - 2.1 The purpose of this Marine Notice is to provide guidance to shipowners, ship operators and shipmasters regarding the policy and the requirements for Bridge Navigation Watch Alarm Systems (BNWAS)
3. General Information
 - 3.1 SOLAS 74 was amended by Resolution MSC.282(86) to include new paragraphs .3 and .4 to the existing Chapter V Regulation 19.2.2. Such amendments were approved in June 2009 and came into force on January 1st, 2011.
 - 3.2 In regard to the new amendments, Regulation 19.2.2.3 requires a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS) for all cargo ships 150 GRT or greater and all passenger ships irrespective of size



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4. Applicability

4.1 The BNWAS is to be fitted as follows:

- a. Cargo ships of 150 GRT or more and passenger ships irrespective of size constructed on or after July 1st, 2011,
- b. Passenger ships irrespective of size constructed before July 1st, 2011, not later than the first survey after July 1st, 2012,
- c. Cargo ships of 3000 GRT and upwards constructed before July 1st, 2011, not later than the first survey after July 1st, 2012;
- d. Cargo ships of 500 GRT and upwards but less than 3000 GRT constructed before July 1st, 2011, not later than the first survey after July 1st, 2013,
- e. Cargo ships of 150 GRT and upwards but less than 500 GRT before July 1st, 2011, not later than the first survey after July 1st, 2014.

5. Requirements for BNWAS installed on or after July 1st, 2011

- 5.1 A BNWAS installed on or after July 1st, 2011 must be Type approved to meet the full requirement of MSC.128(75).

6. Requirements for BNWAS installed prior to July 1st, 2012;

- 6.1 The new Regulation 19.2.2.4 provides for a BNWAS installed prior to 1 July 2011 to be exempted from full compliance with the BNWAS performance standards adopted in Resolution MSC.128(75) at the discretion of the Palau Ship Registry Administrator.
- 6.2 If necessary, the Palau Ship Registry Administrator may grant exemptions from certain requirements of Resolution 128(75) provided these exemptions do not in any way jeopardize the safety of the ship. Recognized Organizations should apply for the exemption to the Palau Ship Registry Administrator. Upon determination that the application for exemption is acceptable, the same will be issued by the Palau Ship Registry Administrator.



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7. Self-Propelled MODUs

7.1 The Palau Ship Registry Administrator, will on a case-by-case basis, consider request for self-propelled MODUs to be exempted from the requirements of SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19.2.2.3 and 19.2.2.4 regarding installation of BNWAS.

8. Contact

8.1 Any inquiries concerning the subject for this Marine Notice should be directed to the Head Office of the Palau Ship Registry Administrator at technical@palaureg.com

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