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Requirements on Carriage of Nautical Publications on board for Marshall Islands flag ships

# **ClassNK**

## ***Technical Information***

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To whom it may concern

The Government of Marshall Islands issued Marine Notice No.1-000-3 including the requirement for nautical publications for emergency use.

The main points are given hereunder.

- Even if electronic nautical publications are installed onboard, the publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies.
- When electronic nautical publications with electronic back up are carried, portions of the publications needed for navigation while the vessel is en route between ports should be printed and included with the voyage plan.

For details, please refer attached Marine Notice No.1-000-3 Rev.5/14.

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1. Marine Notice No.1-000-3 Rev. 5/14

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**REPUBLIC OF  
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**Marine Notice**

**No. 1-000-3**

**Rev. 5/14**

**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF  
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Requirements on Carriage of Publications On Board Ships.**

**References:** (a) MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2, dated 1 June 2006  
(b) RMI Marine Notice 7-041-6  
(c) MSC/Circ.857/DSC 3/15/Add.2, dated 11 June 1998 and 27 February 1998 respectively

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Notice is to provide guidance in a concise form to shipowners and operators, port State control officers (PSCOs), Companies and audit teams according to the ISM Code and Recognized Organizations performing the ISM Code certification of IMO requirements on carriage of publications. The publications explicitly required by IMO instruments to be carried on board ships are listed in the appendix to this Notice. This Notice supersedes Rev. 3/21/14 and reflects the addition of C&C Marine Combine e-Mariner and E. W. Liner Chartwatch in section 5.0.

**APPLICABILITY:**

This Notice applies to all commercial vessels and yachts in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Registry.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**1.0** IMO instruments such as the SOLAS, MARPOL, LL, COLREG and STCW Conventions deal with many operational aspects, inter alia, navigational responsibilities, safety-related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities and watchkeeping standards. Therefore, these publications, although not expressly required by IMO instruments, should be carried on board in order to improve the crew's knowledge and to enhance the implementation of IMO instruments. No deficiency should be filed by PSCOs against ships not carrying such publications on board. However, a nonconformity should be filed by ISM auditors against ships not carrying such publications in accordance with National requirements and the ship's Safety Management System (SMS).

- 2.0** The publications may be carried in the form of electronic media such as CD-ROM in lieu of hard copies. Acceptable publications in electronic form should be those issued by the IMO or the RMI Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) or a body authorized by the Administrator to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. A medium could either contain a publication or as many publications as possible. In any case, the media should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships’ SMS including procedures for timely update.

### **3.0 Regs4Ships CD ROM**

Regs4ships Ltd. has agreed to provide for RMI flagged vessels and their management companies electronic regulations, technical information, SOLAS, STCW and MARPOL. The cost and other details are available on their website, [www.regs4ships.com](http://www.regs4ships.com). The cost decreases as the number of units subscribing increases.

The product is available on the internet and on a CD on an annual subscription basis. The Internet version is updated in real-time and the CD version is updated every two (2) months.

The Internet version is typically meant to be used by management companies and other shore based users and the CD is typically meant to be used on board the vessel.

The product contains everything on the MI-300 CD packaged together with fully updated SOLAS, MARPOL and STCW. Both the Internet and CD versions have powerful search facilities and clear, easy to use keyword and category indexes. The information is inter-linked so that, for example, an RMI Marine Notice referring to SOLAS is referenced to that section in the digital SOLAS.

This service will be regarded by the Administrator as satisfying its regulatory requirement to carry the MI-300 CD and SOLAS, STCW and MARPOL publications on board.

### **4.0 Electronic Nautical Publications**

Electronic nautical publications distributed directly by a Hydrographic Office or through a service approved by a Hydrographic Office may be carried to either partially or fully fulfill the requirements for the carriage of nautical publications, including Notices to Mariners, in RMI Maritime Regulations and Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended subject to the requirements of reference (b). The services listed in section 5.0 have been reviewed and accepted by the Administrator. This list does not apply to the distribution and correction of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) for use in an ECDIS.

## 5.0 List of Approved Electronic Programs

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Phone</u>
C&C Marine Combine e-Mariner	<a href="http://www.ccmarine.in">www.ccmarine.in</a>	+91 22 22661937
ChartBrowser	<a href="http://www.chartworld.com">www.chartworld.com</a>	+49 40853586940
ChartCo	<a href="http://www.chartco.com">www.chartco.com</a>	+44 20 82 67 00 03
Datema	<a href="http://www.datema.nl">www.datema.nl</a>	+31 (0) 596 63 52 52
Digitrace	<a href="http://www.marinepress.com">www.marinepress.com</a>	+1 514 866 8342
E. W. Liner Chartwatch	<a href="http://www.ewliner.com">www.ewliner.com</a>	+65 63230773
Jeppesen Marine	<a href="http://www.jeppesen.com">www.jeppesen.com</a>	+1 800 353 2107
John Lilley & Gillie Ltd.	<a href="http://www.lilleyandgillie.co.uk">www.lilleyandgillie.co.uk</a>	+44 191 257 2217
Maptech Inc.	<a href="http://www.maptech.com">www.maptech.com</a>	+1 978 792 1000
MARIS	<a href="http://www.maris.no">www.maris.no</a>	+47 97 47 2000
Martin Chart Track	<a href="http://www.martin.be">www.martin.be</a>	+32 (3) 213 41 70
Nautis Forlag	<a href="http://www.nautisk.com">www.nautisk.com</a>	+47 22 00 85 00
NOVACO	<a href="http://www.novaco.co.uk">www.novaco.co.uk</a>	+44 1279 88234
Ocean Pro Eraclea Diginotices	<a href="http://www.oceanprosystem.com">www.oceanprosystem.com</a>	+39 0833 585757
TG e-Data	<a href="http://www.tgtedata.com">www.tgtedata.com</a>	+44 (0) 1224 595045
TGNS Voyager	<a href="http://www.tgnsvoyager.com">www.tgnsvoyager.com</a>	+44 1224 595045
UK Hydrographic Office	<a href="http://www.ukho.gov.uk">www.ukho.gov.uk</a>	+44 1823 723 366

## 6.0 Publications for Emergency Use

Notwithstanding paragraphs 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 above, the publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies. See RMI Marine Notice 7-041-6 (reference (b) above) for details regarding backup requirements for ECDIS and electronic nautical publications. When electronic nautical publications with electronic back up are carried, portions of the publications needed for navigation while the vessel is en route between ports (tides and current tables, light list, etc.) should be printed and included with the voyage plan.

## APPENDIX

### Publications minimally required to be carried on board ships\*

Name of publication	Required by	Applicable ship	Remarks
RMI MI-300 CD	RMI Administrator	All Manned Commercial Ships	Issued every 1 – 2 years Current version Series 2014/2015
SOLAS (Consolidated Edition, 2009) and Amendments 2008 - 2011	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
MARPOL (Consolidated Edition, 2011)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
STCW (2011 Edition)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
IBC Code (2007 Edition)	IBC, paragraph 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after 1 July 1988
BCH Code (2009 Edition)	BCH, paragraph 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built before 1 July 1986
IGC Code (1993 Edition)	IGC, paragraph 18.1.3	Gas Carriers	Built after 1 July 1986
IMDG Code (2012 Edition) and IMDG Code Supplement (2010 Edition)**	SOLAS VII	All Ships	Carrying Dangerous Goods in Package Form or Bulk
IMSBC Code and Supplement (2013 Edition, incorporating amendment 02-13)	SOLAS VI/1.1	All Ships	Carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes
Code of Safe Practices for Timber Deck Cargoes (2012 Edition)	RMI Administrator	Cargo Ships (as applicable)	
International Code of Signals*** (2005 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.1	All Ships	
IAMSAR Manual Volume III (2013 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.2	All Ships	
ICS International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (5 <sup>th</sup> Edition)	RMI Administrator	Oil Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals) (3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition)	RMI Administrator	Chemical Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition)	RMI Administrator	LNGs	
Nautical Charts & Publications***	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, paragraphs 1.2.3 and 11.3	All Ships	Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship's SMS manual and the RMI Maritime Regulations

**Notes:**

\* All publications on board ships, regardless of format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected up to date. In cases where copies of RMI Regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not be carried on board.

\*\* See MSC/Circ.857/DSC 3/15/Add.2 (reference (c) above)

\*\*\* See paragraph 6.0 "Publications for Emergency Use".