

# **Pilot Transfer Arrangements**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Safety Equipment

## **Reason for Amendment**

To increase the safety of pilots embarking on and disembarking from ships due to continuing occurrence of accidents related to such pilot transfers, the IMO conducted a review of the requirements related to the pilot transfer arrangements specified in SOLAS regulation V/23 and those in the “Recommendation on Pilot Transfer Arrangements” (IMO Resolution A.889(21)).

As a result, an amendment of SOLAS regulation V/23 which strengthen the aforementioned requirements was adopted as IMO Resolution MSC.308(88) at the 88<sup>th</sup> session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 88) held in December 2010. Furthermore, a improved version of the “Recommendation on Pilot Transfer Arrangements” referred to in amended version of SOLAS regulation V/23 was also adopted as IMO Resolution A.1045(27) at the 27<sup>th</sup> session of the IMO Assembly held in November 2011.

Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with IMO Resolutions MSC.308(88) and A.1045(27).

## **Outline of Amendment**

Requirements for existing ships related to the verification surveys of shipside doors used for pilot transfers have been specified.