

Subject

Restrictions on sailing with any cargo hold empty for Bulk Carriers according to the Revised SOLAS, Chapter XII/Reg. 14 which comes into effect on 1 July 2006 and deletion of the concerned Class Notations (partial) or Descriptive Notes for Classification Character

ClassNK

Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

In relation to the Technical Information No.TEC-0632 dated 27 June 2005, the revised SOLAS, Chapter XII/Reg. 14, instructed the restrictions on sailing with any cargo holds empty for Bulk Carriers of 150m in freeboard length (Lf) and upward of single-side skin construction, carrying cargoes having a density of 1.78t/m³ and above, and the Regulation comes into effect on the 1 July 2006.

In view of the situation, we would like to call your best attention that the concerned Class Notations (partial) or Descriptive Notes for Classification Character shown below (underlined part) are to be deleted just on the specified dates viz.

- a) 1 July 2006 applicable for ships falling under 10 years of age or more as of 1 July 2006
- b) The date on which the ship reaches 10 years of age is applicable for ships falling under less than 10 years of age as of 1 July 2006;

Class Notations;

1. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 1 & 3 Holds may be empty)
2. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 1 & 4 Holds may be empty)
3. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 1, 4 & 6 Holds may be empty)
4. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2 & 4 Holds may be empty)
5. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2 & 4 or 1, 3 & 5 Holds may be empty)
6. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2 & 4 Holds or No.3 Holds may be empty)
7. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2, 4 & 6 Holds may be empty)
8. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2, 4 & 7 Holds may be empty)
9. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2, 4, 6 & 8 Holds may be empty)
10. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 Holds may be empty)
11. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2, 4, & 6 or 1, 3, 5 & 7 Holds may be empty)
12. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2 & 5 Holds may be empty)
13. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2, 5 or 4 Holds may be empty)
14. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, Nos. 2, 5 & 7 Holds may be empty, Equipped for Carriage of Containers)
15. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, No. 3 Hold may be empty)
16. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, No. 3 or 4 Holds may be empty)
17. (Bulk Carrier, Strengthened for Heavy Cargoes, No. 4 Hold may be empty)

(To be continued)

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Descriptive Notes;

1. Strengthened for heavy cargo loading where holds nos.2 & 4 may be empty
2. Strengthened for heavy cargo loading where holds nos.2,4 & 6 may be empty

And it follows therefore the concerned Class Notations (partial) or Descriptive Notes for Classification Character are to be deleted just on the dates viz.

- a) 1 July 2006 applicable for ships falling under 10 years of age or more as of 1 July 2006
- b) The date on which the ship reaches 10 years of age is applicable for ships falling under less than 10 years of age as of 1 July 2006;

So, the current Certificate of Classification on board the ships concerned shall be re-written just after the said specified dates as follows;

1. Next Periodical Surveys or,
2. Occasional Survey which includes re-written of the Certificate of Classification or,
3. At owner's request

All the ship-owners holding ship(s) fallen under this information shall be advised by an another Notice in proof of the situation during the period from a) / b) to 1./2./3. above for prevention of any trouble.

For any questions about the above, please contact:

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