

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICES NO. 66 OF 2004

(Statutory Requirement and related information)

IMO Ship Identification Number (IMO No.) **Additional information to be provided in Pre-Arrival Notice**

The attention of ship owners, masters and agents is drawn to the new SOLAS requirement as set out in Regulation 3, Chapter XI-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), which applies to -

- (a) all passenger ships of 100 gross tons and upwards; and
- (b) all cargo ships of 300 gross tons and upwards.

The regulation requires such ships to have an identification number, which conforms to the IMO ship identification number scheme adopted by IMO, permanently marked in a visible and easily accessible place on the ship as specified in Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Regulation.

For ships constructed before 1 July 2004, the requirement shall be complied with not later than their first scheduled dry-docking after 1 July 2004.

2. In line with the new SOLAS requirement, every ship that is covered by the Regulation when applying for entry into Hong Kong waters on or after 1 July 2004 is required to provide, after Item 17 in the pre-arrival notice, her IMO ship identification number together with a declaration that such number is permanently marked in a visible place on the ship.

3. Non-compliance with the SOLAS Regulation may result in the detention of the vessel.

4. Details of the new SOLAS requirement can be found in Chapter XI-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (as amended).

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