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Subject: IMO unique company and registered owner identification number scheme & changes to the continuous synopsis record.
To : All ship owners, ship operators and designated persons of Luxembourg flagged ships.

This circular summarizes the various important aspects of the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number scheme & changes to the continuous synopsis record with a view to enabling companies to ensure compliance in a timely manner.

The IMO unique company and registered owner identification number scheme enters into force on January 1st, 2009. This circular gives guidance on how to obtain these numbers and how it affects the continuous synopsis record and statutory certificates.

Documents referred to in this notice:

IMO Resolution A.959(23), MSC.198(80), MSC.160(78), MSC.195(80), MSC.196(80)

1) Introduction

The IMO unique company and registered owner identification scheme was adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eightieth session. The number is managed without charge by Lloyd's Register Fairplay (LRF), and begins with "IMO" followed by either "Company" or "Registered Owner" then followed by seven digits.

All companies and registered owners are required to obtain an identification number prior to January 1st, 2009.

Upon notification, numbers should be forwarded to cam@cam.etat.lu. This is to update the Commissariat aux affaires maritimes (CAM) records and to ensure compliance prior to the implementation date.

Additionally, amendments to SOLAS regulation XI-1/5 now will include the company and registered owner identification number to be inserted on the continuous synopsis records.

All newly issued or amended CSR's shall mention the identification numbers.

2) Who is required to have a Company and Registered Owner Identification Number?

The IMO unique company and registered owner identification scheme is applied to new or existing companies and registered owners, managing ships of 100 gross tonnage and upwards involved in international voyages.

For new companies and registered owners, the assignment of the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number should be made when the company's ship is registered.

When companies and/or registered owners merge, LRF assigns the number of the larger company and/or registered owner to the new amalgamated entity, while the number of the smaller entity is frozen and not re-used.

Definitions are:

- The company is defined as the management of the ship in accordance with the ISM Code.
- The registered owner is the person or company as stated on certificate of registry issued by CAM.

3) How the numbers can be obtained

On the Lloyd's Registry Fairplay (LRF) website IMO registered owner or company number can be looked up or requested free of charge. Their details are as follows:-

Lloyd's Register – Fairplay Head office
Lombard House, 3 Princess Way, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1UP, UK
Website: www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com
Tel: (+44) 1737 379000
Fax: (+44) 1737 379001
Email: owners-data-feedback@lrfairplay.com

4) Amendments to the format and guidelines for the maintenance of the Continuous Synopsis Record

SOLAS Chapter XI-1, regulation 5 requires all passenger ships and cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages to have on board a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).

As of January 1st, 2009, CSR's issued by the CAM state the registered owner identification number and the company identification number. This information will be compulsory from January 1st, 2009, *to all newly issued or updated CSR's.*

Whenever any CSR data occur, an updated CSR has to be issued by the CAM without delay. In order to apply for a new or updated CSR all changes should be entered onto "Form 2 amendments to the CSR" and a copy sent to the CAM, while the original should be attached to the current CSR document. A new sequentially numbered CSR will be forwarded to the ship by the CAM, and details of the amendments should be entered on the "index of

amendments (Form 3.)". All CSR documents have to be filed on board the ship in order to provide a history of the ship which can be inspected by appropriate officials.

5) What other Certification has been affected?

Starting January 1st, 2009, the following certificates (newly issued) will have the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number inserted:

- Interim Document of Compliance
- Document of Compliance
- Interim Safety Management Certificate
- Safety Management Certificate
- Interim International Ship Security Certificate
- International Ship Security Certificate

Existing certificates shall be re-issued with the new format following renewal audits. Companies are requested to contact their classification societies on this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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for maritime affairs