

CIRCULAR

IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships

In continuation of Dromon Circular C13002, this is an updated list of publications to be carried on board ships.

The Maritime Safety Committee together with Marine Environmental Protection Committee provided requirements on carriage of publications on board ships (refer to MSC-MEPC.2/CIRC.2 issued on June 01, 2006). The publications listed on the table below are explicitly required by IMO instruments and shall always be carried on board.

Publication	Required by	Applicability	Remarks
IBC Code	IBC, par. 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after July 01, 1986
BCH Code	BCH, par. 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after July 01, 1986
IGC Code	IGC, par. 18.1.3	Gas Carrier	Built after July 01, 1986
International Code of Signals	SOLAS V/21.1	All ships	
IAMSAR Manual Volume III	SOLAS V/21.2	All ships	
Nautical Charts & Publications	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All ships	
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, par. 1.2.3 & 11.3	All ships	Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship's SMS manual

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The International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual Volume III shall always be carried on board the vessel in the form of a hard copy since both publications are for emergency use. All publications regardless the format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected up to date. In case where copies of national regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not to be carried on board.

Additional publications

Other IMO publications such as the SOLAS, MARPOL, LL, COLREG and STCW Conventions shall also be carried on board either in hard copy or electronic format. As stated in IMO guidelines: *“These publications, although not expressly required by IMO instruments, may need to be carried on board in order to improve the crew’s knowledge and to enhance the implementation of IMO instruments”.*

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Owners / Operators / Managers shall take these requirements into consideration and assure that the list of publications attached to this Circular are always carried on board in an updated edition.

Dromon audit teams performing ISM Code certification shall ensure that the publications listed to this Circular are carried on board in the correct format and updated. All publications shall be treated according with the document control procedures in the ship’s SMS including respected procedures for updating.

For Surveyor’s use only:

I confirm that I have received, read & understood this Circular C14010

Name: _____

ID No: _____

Signature: _____



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IMO PUBLICATION	TYPE OF SHIP THAT IS APPLICABLE	REMARKS
SOLAS Consolidated Edition as Amended	All ships	Latest Consolidated Edition 2009. Older editions shall also be carried on board depending on the year of build of corresponding vessel.
ILO/IMO/WHO International Medical Guide for Ships	All ships	3 rd Edition
International Ship Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2003
Guide to Maritime Security and the ISPS Code	All ships	Latest Edition 2012
International Safety Management Code (ISM Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2010 which includes guidelines on implementation of the ISM Code
International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2007
International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code)	All ships provided with a Document of Compliance with the Special Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods	Latest edition 2012 which includes amendment 36-12
International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code Supplement (IMDG Code Supplement)	All ships provided with a Document of Compliance with the Special Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods	Latest Edition 2010
International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) and supplement	All ships provided with a Certificate of Compliance with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code	Latest Edition 2013 incorporating amendments 02-13
International Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers	Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers	Latest Edition 2013
International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code)	All ships provided with Document of Authorization for Carriage of Grain	Latest Edition 1991
Code of Safe Practice for ships carrying Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011	All ships carrying timber deck cargoes	Latest Edition 2012
International Convention for safe containers 1972 (CSC 1972)	Container ships	Latest Edition 2012
BLU Code	Bulk Carriers	Latest Edition 2011 including BLU Manual
MARPOL 73/78	All Ships	Latest Consolidated Edition 2011
Ballast Water Management Convention and the guidelines for its implementation	All ships	Latest Edition 2009
International Conference on Load Lines, 1966	All ships	Latest Edition 2005
International Conference on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969	All Ships	Latest Edition 1970
International Code for the Construction and Equipment of ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)	All ships provided with Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk	Latest Edition 2007
Code For the Construction and Equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk (BCH Code)	All ships provided with Document of Compliance with the Special Requirements for Ships Carrying Chemicals in Bulk	Latest Edition 2008
Convention on the International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea, 1972 (COLREG 1972)	All Ships	Latest Consolidated Edition 2003

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Maritime Labour Convention	All ships	Latest Edition 2006
International Convention on Liability and Compensation for damage in connection with the carriage of hazardous and noxious substances at sea (HNS Convention)	All ships that carry hazardous and noxious substances	Latest Edition 2013
International Code for the Construction and Equipment of ships carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code)	All ships provided with Certificate of Fitness for the carriage of liquefied gases in bulk	Latest Edition 1993
Ships' Routeing	All ships	Latest Edition 2013
International Convention on standards of training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers, 1978 (STCW 1978)	All ships	Latest Edition 2011
International Life-saving appliances code (LSA Code)	All ships	Latest Edition 2010
International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR Manual) Volume III – Mobile Facilities	All ships	Latest Edition 2013
International Code of Signals	All Ships	Latest Edition 2005
Notice to Mariners	All ships	Weekly Updated Edition
Admiralty Chart Catalogue	All ships	Latest Edition 2014
Nautical Almanac Browns	All ships	Latest Edition 2014
Admiralty sailing directions	All ships	Latest Edition vary based on the coverage area
Admiralty Tide Tables	All ships	
Admiralty List of Lights	All ships	
Admiralty List of Radio signal	All ships	
Procedures for Port State Control	All ships	Latest Edition 2012
ITU List of Coast Stations	All ships	Latest Edition 2013
ITU List of Ship Stations	All ships	Latest Edition 2014
ITU List of Radiodetermination and Special Service station	All ships	Latest Edition 2008
ITU List of Call Signs and Numerical Identities of Stations used by the Maritime Mobile & Maritime Mobile Satellite Services	All ships	Latest Edition 2009
ITU Manual for use by the Maritime & Maritime Mobile Satellite Services	All ships	Latest Edition 2013
Global Maritime Distress and Safety System Manual (GMDSS Manual)	All ships	Latest Edition 2013

