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**FROM: NOVAVERITAS NV TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** to all NV Surveyors & Auditors and technical personnel

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**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT (ISM) CODE – IMO Res. MSC.353 (92)**

### **A) INTRODUCTION**

Adoption of amendment to the ISM Code adopted by [IMO Resolution MSC.353 \(92\)](#) and which are entering into force on 1ST January 2015. As an effect of these amendments; the elements such as “major non-conformity”, safe manning, including a new requirement for the Company to ensure that the ship is appropriate manned were addressed.

### **B) KEY ITEMS INCLUDED IN AMENDMENTS**

The following key items included in these amendments as adopted by [IMO resolution MSC.353 \(92\)](#):

1. The Company should ensure that each ship is appropriate manned in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations on board. (Part. A – 6. Resources and Personnel – Paragraph no.6.2.2)
2. The Company should periodically verify whether all those undertaking delegated ISM-related tasks are acting in conformity with the Company’s responsibilities under the Code. (Part. A – 12. COMPANY VERIFICATION, REVIEW AND EVALUATION– Paragraph no.12.2)
3. The following recently added footnotes given in this Code are inserted for reference and guidance purposes and do not constitute requirements under the Code; however, in accordance with

paragraph 1.2.3.2 of the Code, all relevant guidelines, recommendations, etc., should be taken into account:

- a. Procedures concerning observed ISM Code major non-conformities ([MSC/Circ.1059-MEPC/Circ.401](#)).
- b. List of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety and security-related non mandatory instruments ([MSC.1/Circ.1371](#)).
- c. Guidelines for the operational implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Companies ([MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.5](#))
- d. Guidance on the qualifications, training and experience necessary for undertaking the role of the Designated Person under the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code ([MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6](#))
- e. Guidelines for a structure of an integrated system of contingency planning for shipboard emergencies, adopted by the Organization by [resolution A.852 \(20\)](#), as amended.
- f. Guidance on near-miss reporting ([MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.7](#)).
- g. Revised list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships ([FAL.2/Circ.127](#), [MEPC.1/Circ.817](#) and [MSC.1/Circ.1462](#)).

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Ship Owners / Ship Managers:**

The change will require updating of various documents / manuals to meet the requirements of the ISM Code.

### **For Surveyors/Auditors:**

To verify the implementation of these amendments to all ships and management companies. Please refer to the resolution [MSC.353 \(92\)](#) for more information regarding the above compliance with these new requirements. If you have any questions related to this circular, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## ANNEXES