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Shipping Guidance Notice – 016 (Supplement to Notice 005)

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies

CARRIAGE OF ADDITIONAL IMMERSION SUITS

This Shipping Guidance Notice supplements the information issued in Shipping Guidance Notice 005 with regard to the carriage of immersion suits on board all cargo ships and refers to the amended requirements of SOLAS Chapter III Regulation 32.

Under the requirements of Regulation 32.3.3 – if a ship has any watch or work stations which are located remotely from the place or places where immersion suits are normally stowed, additional immersion suits shall be provided at these locations for the number of persons normally on watch or working at these locations at any time. The Gibraltar Maritime Administration requires as a minimum the following number of immersion suits to be provided:

- Wheel House 2 (but may be more dependent on the number of persons normally on duty).
- Engine Control Room 2 (but may be reduced to 1 on small vessels manned with one engine room personnel only).
- Forward Carpenter Shop / Bosun Store 2
- Other remotely located watch or work stations to provide for the number of persons normally working at those locations.

If a remotely stowed liferaft is required by SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 31.1.4, then the Gibraltar Maritime Administration would require that additional immersion suits are provided in a quantity equal to the liferaft capacity (normally 6). These immersion suits may be combined with and may include the number provided at the Carpenter Shop / Bosun Store or other remotely located watch or work stations in the vicinity of the remotely stowed liferaft.

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