



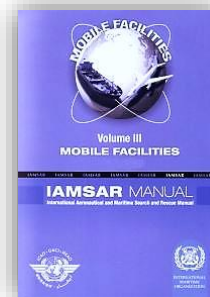
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Subject: “The IAMSAR Volume III is not amended with MSC. 1/ Circ. 1415” - Important PSC Issue!

Case: Recently, it has been reported that a cargo vessel faced difficulties in Korea, when the Port State Control Officers boarded the vessel for a detailed PSC inspection. Amongst other findings, the PSC Officers requested to also inspect the existing Nautical Publications on board. Unfortunately, it was found that the IAMSAR Vol. III was not updated with the latest amendments, already in force by July 2013. As a result, the following deficiency (*code 17*) was imposed:



“The IAMSAR Volume III is not amended with MSC.1/ Circ. 1415”.

In connection to the above, and in order to assist our clients to avoid similar complications, we would like to remind the **SOLAS Chapter V/Regulation 21** requirements pursuant to the above case:

“§ 2 All ships shall carry an up-to-date copy of Volume III of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual.”

Referring to the above mentioned regulation and in order to assist further, “Prevention at Sea” would like to remind to our Clients that **MSC. 1/Circ. 1415**, came into effect on 1st of July 2013. The amendments reflect the changes made to the requirements for radio-communication equipment on ships and include significant updates to Volume III of the Manual.

In addition, it is suggested that the shipping Companies to ensure that vessels under their management carry the updated version of the IAMSAR Manual Volume III on board.

Finally, the below Table lists the minimum recommended publications to be carried on board according to the **IMO MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2¹**:

Publication	Required by	Applicable to	Other Comments
IBC Code	IBC, § 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Build after 1, July 1986
BCH Code	BCH, §5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Build after 1, July 1986
IGC Code	IGC, § 18.1.3	Gas Carrier	Build after 1, July 1986
IMDG Code and IMDG Code Supplement	SOLAS VII	All Ships	Carrying Dangerous Goods in package form or bulk
IMSBC Code and Supplement	SOLAS VI / 1.1	All Ships	Carrying Solid bulk cargoes
International Code of Signals ²	SOLAS V Reg. 21 §1	All Ships	
IAMSAR Manual Vol. III ³	SOLAS V Reg. 21 §2	All Ships	
Nautical Charts & Publications	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	
Publication required by ISM Code	ISM Code, § 1.2.3 and 11.3	All Ships	Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship’s SMS manual.

¹ All publications on board ships, regardless of 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 be carried on board.

² These publications for emergency use should always be available on board ships in the form of hard copy.

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The Nautical Publications may be stored in electronic format, such as on a CD or hard drive, instead of paper copies. All data should be handled in accordance with Safety Management System (SMS) document control procedures for regular updating / monitoring.

When electronic nautical publications with electronic back up are carried onboard, portions of the publications needed for navigation purposes, while the vessel is en - route between ports should be printed and included within the voyage plan.

Furthermore, publications for emergency use, such as the *International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual* and the *International Code of Signals* should always be readily available in physical, paper form, so that they may be readily accessed in emergency situations or during power outages.

To assist further, we offer our clients through our "PaSea Risk Assessment Program" the service of assessing onboard or remotely, through the "Distance Assessment", whether the vessel is in conformance with the PSC requirements by calculating the Ship's "PaSea" Factor.

We remain at your disposal for more details,

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