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Subject:	Emergency Towing Arrangement and Procedures
Reference:	SAFETY- SOLAS MSC.1/Circ.1255

EXISTING REQUIREMENTS

Cargo ships constructed on or after January 1, 2010 together with passenger ships irrespective of year of build have already implemented emergency towing procedures required by the revised Regulation 3-4 of SOLAS II-1.

Nevertheless, based on the same regulation, tankers above 20,000 DWT also comply with this new requirement and the design and construction of emergency towing arrangements should be approved following guidelines of MSC.35(63).

NEW REGULATIONS

Based on Resolution MSC.256(84) adopted on May 16, 2008 the following applies:

“Ships shall be provided with a ship-specific emergency towing procedure. Such a procedure shall be carried aboard the ship for use in emergency situations and shall be based on existing arrangements and equipment available on board the ship”.

This new requirement applies **to all types of ships** and the ship-specific emergency towing procedure shall be prepared based on MSC.1/Circ.1255 guidelines.

According to the new adopted regulation of SOLAS II-1/Reg 3-4(2.3) the following procedures shall be included:

1. Drawings of fore and aft deck indicating possible emergency towing arrangements;
2. Inventory of equipment on board that can be used for emergency towing;
3. Means and methods of communication; and
4. Sample procedures to facilitate the preparation for and conducting of emergency towing procedures.

APPROVAL OF NEW PROCEDURE

Although the emergency towing procedure shall not be approved by Conarina, the procedure

will be part of the safety emergency management system for emergency preparedness as required by ISM Paragraph 8 of Part A. Hence, the new implemented procedure shall be verified during ISM audits.

APPLICABILITY

Convention	Reference	Entry into force	Type of Ship	New Ship	Existing Ship
SOLAS Chap. II-1	Reg.3-4	01 January 2012	All ships	yes	yes

References: MSC.256 (84); MSC.35 (63); MSC.1/Circ. 1255

Kindest Regards,
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