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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Industrial Personnel - Applicability
Reference	New SOLAS Chapter XV

New SOLAS Chapter XV: Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel

All new cargo ships, high-speed cargo craft, and passenger ships of 500GT and upward constructed on or after 1 July 2024, carrying more than 12 industrial personnel will need to comply with the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code). Ships carrying toxic products, ships carrying low-flashpoint products or acids, and high-speed cargo craft will be limited to a total of 60 persons on board.

Existing ships with a valid Industrial Personnel Safety Certificate, issued under the Interim Recommendations (Resolution MSC.418(97)), can operate if they comply with the operational and equipment requirements in the new IP Code. Compliance will be documented by issuance of an Industrial Personnel Safety Certificate.

The IP Code was primarily developed for international voyages, but flag Administrations may apply it for coastal transfers and transfers between a port and an offshore facility.

Additionally, flag Administrations may apply IP Code requirements to vessels below 500GT engaged in the transfer of industrial personnel and special personnel.

The supplemental regulations of the IP Code address these subjects:

- Safe transfer of personnel
- Subdivision and stability
- Machinery installations
- Electrical installations
- Periodically unattended machinery spaces
- Fire safety
- Life-saving appliances
- Dangerous goods

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REFERENCES:

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