

## ISM: Amendments to the ISM Code

By the enclosed **MSC Resolution 353(92)** of June 2013 the Maritime Safety Committee adopted amendments to the ISM Code that become effective as of **1 July 2014**.

In addition to various footnotes with reference to applicable IMO resolutions and circular, you should in particular note the amended version of paragraph 6.2 and the new paragraph 12.2 to the Code:

- **para 6.2** The Company should ensure that the ship is:
  - .1 manned with qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers in accordance with national and international requirements; and
  - .2 appropriately manned in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations on board

and the new

- **para 12.2** re. verification of work methods on board:  
12.2 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.

It should be noticed that the above puts increased focus on the qualification of personnel and good work routines, i.e. the shipboard complement's safety consciousness and potential to maintain safe job arrangements during all on board operations.

The FMA would take this opportunity, therefore, to remind companies, masters and officers of the importance of proper risk assessments to ensure adequate job preparation and safe execution. The enclosed guide from IACS – "Guide to risk assessments" – may be a useful study to that effect:

- <https://www.bimco.org/News/2009/12/~media/5E1B422A41A9426583CE240DA26FDBD4.ashx>

For your further information, the IMO Assembly, by the enclosed Resolution **A.1071(28)**, has issued revised guidelines to Administrations on the implementation of the ISM Code. The revised guidelines become effective as of 1 July 2014. The resolution revokes A.1022(26).

Basically there are no substantial changes to the guidelines and mainly represent a rearrangement of the numbering of some of the sections.

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