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APPLICATION OF SOLAS REGULATIONS XII/3, XII/7 AND XII/11

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-second session (12 to 21 June 2013), approved the meaning of the term “periodical survey” prepared by the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation, in relation to the application of SOLAS regulations XII/3, XII/7 and XII/11, as set out in the annex, with a view to providing more specific guidance for application of the relevant requirements of the SOLAS Convention.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed guidance when applying the relevant provisions of the SOLAS Convention and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

APPLICATION OF SOLAS REGULATIONS XII/3, XII/7 and XII/11

Meaning of the term "Periodical Survey"

1 In SOLAS regulations XII/3, XII/7 and XII/11, the term "periodical survey" has been used to refer to the dates by which the requirements under these regulations are to be complied with. Since the requirements under SOLAS chapter XII mainly deal with the hull structure, it is necessary that the above-mentioned threshold dates are associated with the examination of the outside of the ship's bottom. Therefore, the term "periodical survey" referred to in SOLAS chapter XII is linked to the surveys which are associated with an examination of the outside of the ship's bottom i.e. the intermediate surveys and renewal surveys for the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate, or the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate, as mentioned in SOLAS regulations I/10 and I/12, as modified by the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

2 Considering that the terms "intermediate survey" or "renewal survey" have been used in all IMO instruments, instead of the term "periodical survey", after the 1988 SOLAS Protocol entered into force, Administrations may note that the meaning of the term "periodical survey" in the context of SOLAS regulations XII/3, XII/7 and XII/11 is the same as "renewal survey" or "intermediate survey" of a ship, as referred to in SOLAS regulation I/10, as modified by the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.
