



# PACIFIC MARINE SERVICES

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## CIRCULAR

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### Bridge Navigation Watch Alarm System (BNWAS) (RESOLUTION MSC.282(86))

Notice to :

Ship Owners / Manager / operators / Surveyors

In continuation of P.M.S ,Circular /C011/14.

This is to be implemented (Bridge Navigation Watch System) BNWAS on board ships.

Dear Sirs,

- 1- Several amendments to the SOLAS 74 Regulations were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at the IMO on 5 June 2009 by Resolution MSC.282(86). These amendments will come into force on 1 January 2011.
- 2- One of the amendments is the introduction of Regulation V/19.2.2.3 which requires passenger ships irrespective of their gross tonnage and cargo ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards, regardless of their dates of construction to be fitted with a Bridge Navigation Watch Alarm System (BNWAS).
- 3- Ships constructed on or after 1 July 2011 are required to be fitted with BNWAS before they are put into service.
- 4- For ships constructed before 1 July 2011, BNWAS is required to be fitted in accordance with the following time table :-

SHIP TYPE	DEADLINE TO FIT BNWAS
Passenger ships	Not later than first survey after 1 July 2012
Cargo ships of 3,000 GRT and upwards	Not later than first survey after 1 July 2012
Cargo ships of 500 GRT and upwards but less than 3,000 GRT	Not later than first survey after 1 July 2013
Cargo ships of 150 GRT and upwards but less than 500 GRT	Not later than first survey after 1 July 2014

- 5- According to SOLAS Regulation V/18.2 (Approval, surveys and Performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorder), the BNWAS fitted is required to conform to performance standards adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee.



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- 6- All BNWAS, including those fitted prior to 1 July 2011, are required to be type-approved to conform fully with the performance standards for BNWAS specified in MSC.128(75). Those fitted prior to 1 July 2011 which are not compliant to MSC.128(75) shall be replaced accordingly upon the phase-in dates in the table above.

## Act now.

Owners / Operators / Managers shall take these requirements into consideration and assure that the list of publications attached to this Circular are always carried on board in an updated edition.

P.M.S audit teams performing ISM Code certification shall ensure that the publications listed to this Circular are carried on board in the correct format and updated. All publications shall be treated according with the document control procedures in the ship's SMS including respected procedures for updating.

**Kind Regards,**

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