

Circular 32 / 2012**To: Vessel Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties****Subject: Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm Systems (BNWAS)****Date: 3 April 2012****Summary:**

On 1 January 2011 Amendments to SOLAS Chapter V Safety of Navigation Regulation 19 entered into force. This Circular is concerned with the information contained in MSC. 282(86) relating to the phase in requirements of bridge navigational watch alarm systems (BNWAS)

A BNWAS is required, as follows:

- a) cargo ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards and passenger ships irrespective of size constructed on or after 1 July 2011;
- b) passenger ships irrespective of size constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey* after 1 July 2012;
- c) cargo ships of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey* after 1 July 2012;
- d) cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 3,000 gross tonnage constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey* after 1 July 2013; and
- e) cargo ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 500 gross tonnage constructed before 1 July 2011, not later than the first survey* after 1 July 2014.

*Refer to the Unified interpretation of the term first survey referred to in SOLAS regulations (MSC.1/Circ.1290).

The BNWAS shall be in operation whenever the ship is underway at sea;

A BNWAS installed prior to 1 July 2011 may subsequently be exempted from full compliance with the standards adopted by the Organization, at the discretion of the Maritime Cook Islands.

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