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Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors, Shipowners, Ship operator, Managing Companies

Subject: Fire-fighter's Communication

In accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.338(91), which entered into the force on 1st of July 2014, with reference to SOLAS 74, Chapter II-2, Construction – Fire detection, fire protection and fire extinction, Part C, Regulation 10 – Fire Fighting, Clause 10.4 Fire-Fighter communication for vessels built before 1st of July 2014, shall be applicable for the first Cargo Ship Safety Construction or Cargo Ship Safety Equipment survey after 01 July 2018. Kindly find below text of Regulation.

CHAPTER II-2
CONSTRUCTION – FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE EXTINCTION
Part C
Suppression of fire
Regulation 10 – Fire fighting

10.4 Fire-fighter's communication

For ships constructed on or after 1 July 2014, a minimum of two two-way portable radiotelephone apparatus for each fire party for fire-fighter's communication shall be carried on board. Those two-way portable radiotelephone apparatus shall be of an explosion-proof type or intrinsically safe. Ships constructed before 1 July 2014 shall comply with the requirements of this paragraph not later than the first survey after 1 July 2018.

Kindly be guided accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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