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- To** : Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors,
Recognized Organizations
- Subject** : **Requirements on Carriage of Publications On Board Ships**
- References** : IMO Circular [MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2](#), *IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships*, issued 01 June 2006
- Applicability** : The Notice applies to all commercial vessels registered in International Ship Registry of Gabon
- Purpose** : This Marine Notice establishes the requirements for carriage of publications on board Gabonese flagged vessels. Publications which are required to be carried are listed in Appendix A of this Notice.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Minimum Requirements for Publications to be Carried On Board Ships

1.1 The publications, as applicable to the ship, listed in Appendix A must be carried on board. This includes publications expressly required to be carried on board ship per [MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2](#) and other international instruments, as well as those required to be carried on board by the Administrator pursuant to International Ship Registry of Gabon requirements.

1.2 Electronic publications may be carried in lieu of hard copies with the exception of those for emergency use as provided in section 3.0, below, and provided they are issued by the IMO, the Administrator, or a body authorized by the Administrator to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying.

1.3 All publications on board ships, regardless of format, must be the latest editions or duly corrected and up to date. In cases where copies of Gabon Flag regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not be carried on board.



1.4 A nonconformity is to be filed by ISM auditors against ships not carrying the publications in accordance with National requirements and the ship's Safety Management System (SMS). No deficiency should be filed by PSCOs against ships not carrying the additional Nationally required publications.

2.0 Electronic Nautical Publications

2.1 Electronic nautical publications must be issued officially by or on the authority of a Government authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institutions.

3.0 Publications Required as Hard Copy

3.1 Publications needed for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual are to always be available in hard copy form.

3.2 When electronic publications with backups are carried, those portions of them needed for navigation while a vessel is underway (tides and current tables, light list, etc.) are to be printed and included with the voyage plan, unless the backup is an independent computer system with its own emergency source of power.



Appendix A
Minimum Requirements for Publications to be Carried On Board Ships
(as Applicable to the Ship)

(All publications and nautical charts must be kept up-to-date in accordance with section 1.3 of this Marine Notice)

Publication	Required by	Applies to:	Remarks
SOLAS (Consolidated Edition, 2014)	Gabon Flag Admin	All Ships	
MARPOL (Consolidated Edition, 2017)	Gabon Flag Admin	All Ships	
LL (2005 Edition)	Gabon Flag Admin	All Ships	
COLREG (Consolidated Edition 2003)	Gabon Flag Admin	All Ships	
STCW (2011 Edition)	Gabon Flag Admin	All Ships	
IBC Code (2007 Edition)	IBC, paragraph 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after 1 July 1986
BCH Code (2009 Edition)	BCH, paragraph 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built before 1 July 1986
IGC Code (1993 Edition)	IGC, paragraph 18.1.3	Gas Carriers	Built 1 July 1986 through
IGC Code (2016 Edition)	IGC, paragraph 18.1.2	Gas Carriers	Built on or after 1 July 2016
IGF Code	IGF, paragraph 18.2.1	Gas-fuelled ships	Built on or after 1 January 2017
IMDG Code (2016 Edition) and IMDG Code Supplement (2014 Edition)	SOLAS VII	All Ships	Carrying Dangerous Goods in Package Form or Bulk
IMSBC Code and Supplement (2018 Edition, incorporating amendment 04-17)	SOLAS VI/1.1	All Ships	Carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes
Code of Safe Practices for Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011 (2012 Edition)	Gabon Flag Admin	Cargo Ships (as applicable)	
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International Code of Signals (2005 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.1	All Ships	Publications for Emergency Use
IAMSAR Manual Volume III – Mobile Facilities (2016 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.2	All Ships	Publications for Emergency Use
ICS International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (5 th Edition)	Gabon Flag Admin	Oil Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals) (3 rd Edition)	Gabon Flag Admin	Chemical Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) (2 nd Edition)	Gabon Flag Admin	LNGs	
Nautical Charts & Publications	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, paragraphs 1.2.3 and 11.3	All Ships	