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SOLAS CHAPTER V: USE OF THE TERM "OFFICIAL"

Reference: IHB CL 49/1999 dated 28 October 1999.

Dear Sir,

A resumé of the developments in the drafting of the amendments to SOLAS Chapter V, leading up to the IMO NAV 45 Meeting held in London from 20-24 September 1999, was given in Circular Letter 49/1999.

It is important that a clear indication be given to the 72nd Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee to be held in May 2000, as to the feelings of the IHO Member States with regard to the retention of the term "official" in the new SOLAS Chapter V, Regulations 2, 9, 19 and 27.

All Member States are encouraged to review the situation as outlined in Circular Letter 49/1999 and then to use the attached voting paper to indicate whether it is still necessary to retain the term "official" or whether its retention could, in fact, have an adverse effect.

Member States are requested to return the voting paper to the IHB **by 31 January 2000.**

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Neil GUY
Director

Encl: Annex A - Voting Paper

VOTING PAPER
(to be returned to the IHB, duly completed, by 31 January 2000)

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TERM "OFFICIAL" IN SOLAS CHAPTER V

Should the term "official" be deleted from SOLAS Chapter V, Regulations 2, 9, 19 and 27?

YES

NO

Comments (if any) :

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