

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

- TO:** ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS (MODU's) AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS
- SUBJECT:** Periodically Unattended Machinery Spaces (PUMS); Requirements for Safety of Operation and Reduced Manning
- REFERENCE:**
- (a) Classification Society Rules
 - (b) IMO Resolution A.325 (IX), Regulations 24-32, Adopted 12 November 1975
 - (c) SOLAS Chapter II-1, Part E
- PURPOSE:** This Circular sets forth Administration manning policy for the safe operation of vessels with automated machinery installations.
- APPLICABILITY:** Ships with machinery installations, approved by an authorized Classification Society for the assignment of the PUMS notation will be eligible for a reduction in the number of engineering personnel required to be on board. This Circular applies to self-propelled MODU's only.
- REQUIREMENTS:**
1. **Periodically Unattended Machinery Space Installations**
 - 1.1 For guidance in the installation of PUMS arrangements, the requirements of SOLAS Chapter II-1 Part E should be used, which are generally covered by the Classification Society Rules. However, certain requirements may be in addition to the Class Rules and should be incorporated into the installation.
 - 1.2 New buildings contracted for after 31 December 1983, shall fully comply with SOLAS as amended.

1.3 When a certain requirement of SOLAS Chapter II-1 Part E is not considered reasonable, practical or applicable to a particular vessel, the Office of the Deputy Maritime Administrator will consider waiving the requirement upon request by the owner.

1.4 The applicable Class Society notations are:

American Bureau of Shipping	ACCU, ABCU
Det Norske Veritas	EO
Lloyd's Register of Shipping	UMS
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai	MO
Germanischer Lloyd	GL

2. Reduction allowance

The reduction allowed will be in the number of Assistant Engineer Officers and Oilers ordinarily required in vessels. The particular machinery and area of operation also will be taken into account.

3. Certification

The reduced engineer manning will be covered in the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate.

4. Examinations

4.1 Authorized Surveyors

All examinations are to be carried out by authorized surveyors of the relevant Classification Society as prescribed in their Rules.

4.2 Annual Examination

Periodic and annual examinations of the PUMS arrangements are to be carried out at the time prescribed in the Class Society's Rules.

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