



INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR SHIPS CARRYING INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL (IP CODE)

Technical Notice SLS.36

Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognized Organizations

The Directorate would like to remind all concerned that SOLAS Chapter XV will enter into force on 1 July 2024. It will make the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) mandatory to all cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft, of 500 gross tonnage and over, carrying more than 12 industrial personnel and engaged on international voyages.

SOLAS' Chapter XV applicability can be categorized into two cohorts:

- *New* – cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft constructed on or after 1 July 2024.
- *Existing* – cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft constructed before 1 July 2024. This cohort can be further divided into two categories:

- a) *Authorised* - those cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft which are authorized by the Administration to carry more than 12 industrial personnel in accordance with Resolution MSC.418(97); and
- b) *Not Authorised* - those cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft which are not authorized by the Administration to carry more than 12 industrial personnel in accordance with Resolution MSC.418(97).

The *existing* and *authorised* cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft shall comply with the applicable parts of the IP Code by the first intermediate or renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after 1 July 2024. (The applicable parts of the IP Code are identified in SOLAS Chapter VX, Regulations 3.2 and 3.3).

On the other hand, the *existing and not authorized* as well as *new* cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft shall comply with the provisions of the IP Code as required by SOLAS XV Regulations 3.4 and 3.1 respectively. (Refer to Annex 1).

Shipowners and operators of Maltese registered existing ships carrying more than 12 industrial personnel are hereby urged to seek authorization in line with Resolution MSC.418(97) prior to the entry into force of the IP Code. Any such request shall be made through the vessel's Recognised Organisation (RO). Where reference is made to the consideration of other standards acceptable by the Administration, prior approval shall be sought.

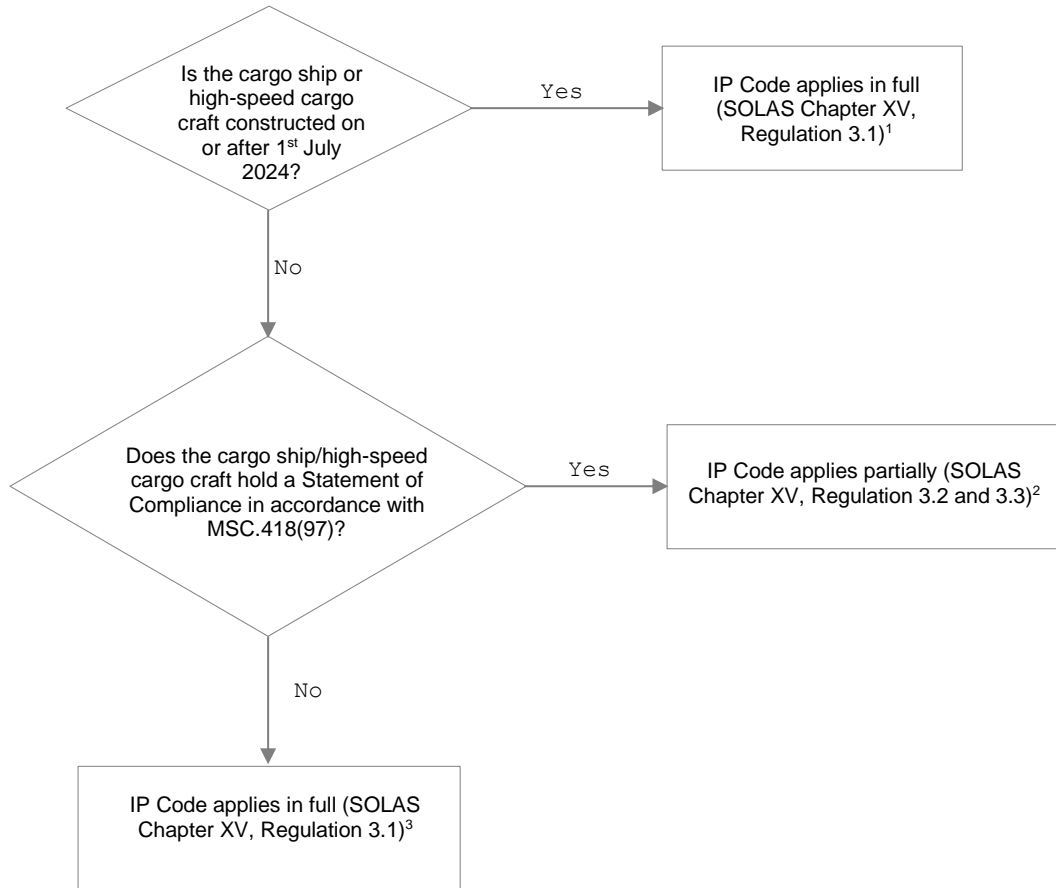
Upon granting authorisation, the RO shall issue a Statement of Compliance. A model format of the Statement of Compliance is contained in Annex 2.

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Annex 1



¹ Referred to *new* within this notice.

² Referred to as *authorised* and *existing* within this notice.

³ Referred to as *not authorised* and *existing* within this notice.



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Annex 2

Statement of Compliance for the Carriage of Industrial Personnel

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