



PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS

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

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to the recent amendments to SOLAS Chapter V, Reg. 23 (amended by IMO Resolution MSC.572(110)), which enter into force from 01 January 2028, and the associated performance standards (IMO Resolution MSC.576(110)), which also take effect on the aforementioned date.

All pilot transfer arrangements installed on or after 01 January 2028, on ships to which SOLAS Chapter V, Reg. 23 applies, shall be designed, manufactured, constructed, secured, and installed in accordance with the Introduction and Parts A to C of the *Performance Standards for Pilot Transfer Arrangements* (IMO Resolution MSC.576(110)), approved by the Recognized Organization acting on behalf of this Flag State Administration, in accordance with Part F of these performance standards, and subjected to inspections and maintenance at regular intervals, in accordance with Part D of these performance standards. Furthermore, crew members involved in the inspection, maintenance, rigging or operation of any equipment for the pilot transfer arrangements, shall receive onboard familiarization, in accordance with Part E of these performance standards, to perform their assigned duties.

It is also important to note that the amended SOLAS Chapter V, Reg. 23 will retroactively apply to pilot transfer arrangements installed before 01 January 2028, as follows:

- ships to which SOLAS Chapter I applies, will be required to comply with these requirements not later than the first survey on / after 01 January 2029;
- ships to which SOLAS Chapter I does not apply, will be required to comply with these requirements not later than 01 January 2030.

All concerned are strongly urged to carefully review and understand the aforementioned IMO Resolutions and plan a relevant course of action to ensure compliance before the applicable date(s), bearing in mind that the amended regulation allows pilots or other personnel to refuse the use of the pilot transfer arrangements, when they suspect that these arrangements are non-compliant.

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