

**Amendments to Merchant Shipping (Safety) (GMDSS Radio Installation) Regulation
(Cap.369AR)**

1. Updates in accordance to the relevant amendments to SOLAS Chapter IV requirements:

SOLAS Amendments	Adopted		Effective Date	New/Amended Regulation(s) in Chapter III
	By MSC Resolution	on		
1995 Conf. (existing legislation covered)	SOLAS/CONF.3/46	06.12.1995	01.07.1997	1, 6, 7, 16
1998	MSC.69(69)	20.05.1998	01.07.2002	1.1, 2, 5-1, 13, 15, 18
2002	MSC.123(75)	24.05.2002	01.01.2004	1, 4,7,12,14, 3
2004	MSC.152(78)	20.05.2004	01.07.2006	15
2006	MSC.201(81)	18.05.2006	01.07.2010	7, 9, 10
2007	MSC.239(83)	12.10.2007	01.07.2009	4-1
2008	MSC.256(84)	16.05.2008	01.01.2010	7, Appendix

2. Adoption of a Direct Reference Approach (DRA)

At present, Cap.369AR provisions are described in the way similar to those relevant regulations under SOLAS Chapter IV. Whenever SOLAS Chapter IV regulations are amended or added, amendments to Cap.369AR will be required to update the relevant provisions.

It is proposed to adopt Direct Reference Approach in the amended Cap.369AR. Under the new arrangement, those detailed technical requirements which are clear and specific enough to be capable of being given direct effect will not be reproduced in the local legislation, but be referred to the relevant regulations of SOLAS Chapter IV. This could enable timely implementation of international requirements when SOLAS Chapter IV regulations are amended by IMO in future.