

**IMO Seminar on Implementation of the International Management
Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention
(International Safety Management Code)
Malta -24 to 26 March 1997**

The International Maritime Organisation in collaboration with the Malta Maritime Authority is organising in Malta between the 24 and 26 March 1997 a Seminar on Implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code.

2. The Seminar, the third of a series of similar meetings organised worldwide, aims to provide an understanding of the implications and effective implementation of the requirements of the ISM Code which is expected to become mandatory under the SOLAS Convention when the amendments related thereto adopted by the 1994 SOLAS Conference enter into force on 1 July 1998.

3. The Seminar will be conducted in the English Language only and is intended for Maritime Administration staff, classification society and shipping company personnel, and industry representatives directly responsible for implementing the Code or involved in the verification of compliance with the provisions of the Code.

4. The programme of the Seminar consists of lectures and discussions on key provisions of the Code and will address:

- .1 the scope and objectives of SOLAS chapter IX (on Management for the safe operation of ships) and the ISM Code;

.2 the implementation of the provisions of SOLAS chapter IX and the ISM Code by Administrations;

.3 the implementation of the provisions of SOLAS chapter IX and the ISM Code by companies;

.4 the external and internal audits of the provisions of the ISM Code;

.5 the issuing and renewal of Documents of Compliance (DoCs) to companies;

.6 the issuing and renewal of Safety Management Certificates (SMCs) to ships;

.7 the delegation of responsibilities to recognised organisations by the Administration;

.8 the training requirements for auditors; and

.9 the information to be provided by Administrations to companies.

5. The Seminar will also stress the urgency of preparatory work needed to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the ISM Code. During open forum sessions the practical application of the Code will be discussed.

6. Although participation at this Seminar is primarily reserved for IMO nominated persons , a limited number of places are also available for other participants who in some way are connected with the Malta flag State Administration.

7. Shipowners, ship operators, managers, classification societies, owners' representatives and other industry personnel wishing to attend are invited to confirm their participation by fax, to the ISM Seminar Desk at the Merchant Shipping Directorate (+356 241460) possibly by not later than the 18 March 1997. Participation is on a first come first served basis and a registration fee of Lm 40 (approx. US\$ 100) will be charged to these participants.

8. The venue of the seminar is the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza where arrangements have been made to reserve hotel rooms for participants at the rate of Lm 26 {Lm = approx. US\$ 2.61} per person per night on a room only basis. Requests for reservations are to be made solely to the ISM Seminar Desk at this Directorate.
9. Those who wish to confirm their participation for this Seminar are to give their name and contact details to this Directorate indicating whether they would require hotel reservation.
10. The Merchant Shipping Directorate will only be too pleased to provide further information on request.

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