



**REPUBLIC OF
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Notice

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

SUBJECT: Requirements on Carriage of Publications On Board Ships

References: (a) *IMO Circular MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2, IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships*, issued 01 June 2006
(b) **RMI Marine Notice 7-041-6**, *Nautical Chart and Publication Carriage and Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) Requirements*

PURPOSE

This Marine Notice establishes the requirements for carriage of publications on board RMI flagged vessels and provides a listing of approved publications providers. Publications which are explicitly required to be carried are listed in Appendix A of this Notice.

This Notice supersedes Rev. Mar/2017 and reflects the inclusion of an additional approved publications provider in Appendix B.

APPLICABILITY

The Notice applies to all commercial vessels and yachts registered in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

BACKGROUND

IMO instruments deal with many operational aspects, navigational responsibilities, safety related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities, and watchkeeping standards. Examples of these include:

- a. International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS)
- b. International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code
- c. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL)
- d. International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (LL)
- e. Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG)

- f. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW)

Although not expressly required under the relevant instrument to be carried on board, the RMI Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) mandates such carriage to enhance their implementation and improve the crew’s knowledge of them.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Minimum Requirements for Publications to be Carried On Board Ships

- 1.1 The publications, as applicable to the ship, listed in Appendix A must be carried on board. This includes publications expressly required to be carried on board ship per **MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2** and other international instruments as well as those required to be carried on board by the Administrator pursuant to RMI requirements.
- 1.2 Electronic publications may be carried in lieu of hard copies with the exception of those for emergency use as provided in §3.0, below, and provided they are issued by the IMO, the Administrator, or a body authorized by the Administrator to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. The electronic media publication providers listed in Appendix B have been reviewed and accepted by the Administrator.
- 1.3 All publications on board ships, regardless of format, must be the latest editions or duly corrected and up to date. In cases where copies of RMI regulations incorporating the provisions of the required instruments are provided on board, publications of such instruments need not be carried on board.
- 1.4 A nonconformity is to be filed by ISM auditors against ships not carrying the publications in accordance with National requirements and the ship’s Safety Management System (SMS). No deficiency should be filed by PSCOs against ships not carrying the additional Nationally required publications.

2.0 Electronic Nautical Publications

- 2.1 Electronic nautical publications, as required pursuant to RMI Marine Notice 7-04-1-6, must be issued officially by or on the authority of a Government authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institutions. The electronic programs providing for nautical publications listed in Appendix B have been reviewed and accepted by the Administrator.

3.0 Publications Required as Hard Copy

- 3.1 Publications needed for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual are to always be available in hard copy form.
- 3.2 When electronic publications with backups are carried, those portions of them needed

for navigation while a vessel is underway (tides and current tables, light list, etc.) are to be printed and included with the voyage plan, unless the backup is an independent computer system with its own emergency source of power. See RMI Marine Notice 7-041-6 for ECDIS and nautical publications backup requirements.

Appendix A
Minimum Requirements for Publications to be Carried On Board Ships
(as Applicable to the Ship)

(All publications and nautical charts must be kept up-to-date
in accordance with §1.3 of this Marine Notice)

Publication	Required by	Applies to:	Remarks
SOLAS (Consolidated Edition, 2014)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
MARPOL (Consolidated Edition, 2017)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
LL (2005 Edition)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
COLREG (Consolidated Edition 2003)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
STCW (2011 Edition)	RMI Administrator	All Ships	
IBC Code (2007 Edition)	IBC, paragraph 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after 1 July 1986
BCH Code (2009 Edition)	BCH, paragraph 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built before 1 July 1986
IGC Code (1993 Edition)	IGC, paragraph 18.1.3	Gas Carriers	Built 1 July 1986 through 30 June 2016
IGC Code (2016 Edition)	IGC, paragraph 18.1.2	Gas Carriers	Built on or after 1 July 2016
IGF Code	IGF, paragraph 18.2.1	Gas-fueled ships	Built on or after 1 January 2017
IMDG Code (2016 Edition) and IMDG Code Supplement (2014 Edition)	SOLAS VII	All Ships	Carrying Dangerous Goods in Package Form or Bulk
IMSBC Code and Supplement (2016 Edition, incorporating amendment 03-15)	SOLAS VI/1.1	All Ships	Carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes
Code of Safe Practices for Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011 (2012 Edition)	RMI Administrator	Cargo Ships (as applicable)	
International Code of Signals (2005 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.1	All Ships	See §5.0 (above) “Publications for Emergency Use”
IAMSAR Manual Volume III – Mobile Facilities (2016 Edition)	SOLAS V/21.2	All Ships	See §5.0 (above) “Publications for Emergency Use”
ICS International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (5 th Edition)	RMI Administrator	Oil Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals) (3 rd Edition)	RMI Administrator	Chemical Tankers	
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) (2 nd Edition)	RMI Administrator	LNGs	
Nautical Charts & Publications	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, paragraphs 1.2.3 and 11.3	All Ships	Required publications to be carried are those specifically mentioned by the ship’s SMS manual and RMI Maritime Regulations

Appendix B Approved Publication Providers

This listing does not apply to the distribution and correction of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) used in Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Admiralty Marine Products & Services (formerly UKHO)	www.admiralty.co.uk	+44 1823 484 444
Bluewater Books & Charts	www.bluewaterbridgeservices.com	+1 800 942-2583
C&C Marine Combine e-Mariner	www.ccmarine.in	+91 22 22 66 1937
ChartCo ¹	www.chartco.com	+44 1992 805 400
ChartWorld	www.chartworld.com	+49 40 853 586940
Datema Nautical Safety	www.datema.nl	+31 596 635 252
E. W. Liner Chartwatch	www.ewliner.com	+65 632 30773
Global Navigation Solutions	www.globalnavigationsolutions.com	+44 191 257 2217
International Telecommunication Union (ITU Publications)	www.itu.int	+41 22 730 6141
Jeppesen Marine	www.jeppesen.com	+1 800 353 2107
John Lilley & Gillie Ltd.	www.jlgmarine.com	+44 191 270 4260
Marine Press	www.marinepress.com	+1 514 866 8342
Martin Chart Track	www.martin.be	+32 3 213 41 70
Nautis Forlag	www.nautisk.com	+47 22 00 85 00
Navico Commercial (Simrad)	www.navico-commercial.com	+1 918 438 8669
NAVTOR	www.navtor.com	+47 51 49 22 00
NOVACO	www.novaco.co.uk	+44 1279 882 349
Poseidon Navigation Services Ltd.	www.poseidonnavigation.com	+44 1542 841245
Richardsons' Maptech Inc.	www.richardsonscharts.com	+1 888 839 5551
SafeNav	www.safenavigation.com	+1-562-590-8744
TG e-Data	www.tgtedata.com	+44 1268 560 066

¹Regs4ships, a provider of electronic versions of technical information, SOLAS, STCW, and MARPOL regulations to RMI flagged vessels, is a subsidiary of ChartCo.