



# BERMUDA MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

Carriage of Immersion Suits – Remote Locations

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## Application

Recognised Organizations, Ship Owners, Managers, Masters and Officers of Bermuda Registered Cargo ships

This Notice applies to Cargo Ships over 500GT and Commercial Yachts over 500GT, regardless of age.

## References

SOLAS Ch III Reg 32

## Summary

To provide clarification in relation to carriage of immersion suits for watchkeepers.

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## 1. Introduction

- (1) SOLAS Ch III Reg 32.3.3 requires.

*If a ship has any watch or work stations which are located remotely from the place or places where immersion suits are normally stowed, including remotely located survival craft carried in accordance with regulation 31.1.4, additional immersion suits of an appropriate size shall be provided at these locations for the number of persons normally on watch or working at those locations at any time.*

- (2) The BSMA considers two (2) additional suits on the navigating bridge, and two (2) additional suits within the ECR to be the minimum required.
- (3) On smaller ships where the safe manning document only require one engine room watch-keeper the number of additional immersion suits in the machinery space may be reduced to one (1).
- (4) This is required for ships which hold UMS notation as well as ships that have manned engine-rooms.

## 2.Exceptions

- (1) Ships other than bulk carriers, may apply to the BSMA for agreement that these immersion suits need not be required if the ship is constantly engaged on voyages in warm climates.
- (2) Such applications will be considered on a case by case basis and will be documented by way of a Statement.

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