



Merchant Shipping Notice **MSN-0029**

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INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION TO CERTAIN PROTOCOLS

TO ALL SHIPOWNERS AND OPERATORS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS, RESIDENT AGENTS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS AND FLAG STATE INSPECTORS

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to inform all parties that the Government of Belize has deposited several Instruments of Accession to certain Protocols to the IMO.
- 1.2. The Protocols listed in Section 3 of this Notice should be included in the list of Maritime Treaties Relevant to Belize previously notified under MSN-0020.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The 1988 Protocol to the SOLAS Convention introduced a new Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) to harmonize with two other Conventions, Load Lines and MARPOL 73/78. The harmonized system alleviates the problems caused by survey dates and intervals between surveys which do not coincide.
- 2.2. The Protocol of 1988 to the Load Lines Convention primarily adopted in order to harmonize the Conventions survey and certification with those of the SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions, also revised certain regulations in the Convention's Annexes and introduced the tacit amendment procedure (which was already applicable to the 1974 SOLAS Convention).
- 2.3. On 17th February 2000, IMMARBE informed the Secretary General of the IMO of Belize's intention to adopt the interim measures proposed under Resolution A.883(21), whereby States not having adopted the Protocols could opt for the implementation of the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification and for the issuance of certificates in the forms prescribed by the 1988 SOLAS and Load Line Protocols.
- 2.4. The Protocol of 1997 to the MARPOL Convention was adopted on 26th September 1997 and entered into force on 19th May 2005. It introduced a new Annex VI on Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships to the Convention.

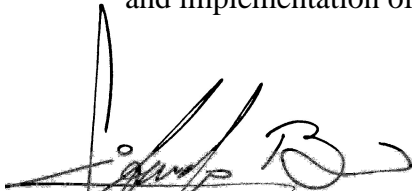
2.5. Under correspondence IFSC/33/5/Pt. X/07 dated 7th June 2007 sent by the Ministry of Finance to the Secretary General of IMO, Belize submitted instruments of accession to the protocols of SOLAS, LOAD LINES and MARPOL as listed in Section 3.

3. PROTOCOLS ACCEDED

CONVENTION		DATE OF ACCESSION
1	Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the SOLAS Convention) and its Annex.	05-Jun-2007
2	Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (the LOAD LINES Convention) with its Annexes A & B.	05-Jun-2007
3	Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (the MARPOL Convention), as modified by the protocol of 1978 Relating thereto.	05-Jun-2007

4. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

4.1. All Parties are instructed to give full effect to this Notice by bringing the contents of the Protocols listed in Section 3 to the attention of all the personnel in charge of the dissemination and implementation of their requirements.



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