



Technical Circular

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To Whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Portable Gas Detector Requirement on Vehicle Carriers

- IMO Resolution MSC.365 (93) adopts new Regulation to SOLAS Chapter II-2/20-1 which requires Vehicle Carriers carrying motor vehicles with compressed hydrogen or compressed natural gas in their tanks as fuel to carry at least two portable gas detectors for the detection of fuel emissions from the tanks of such vessels.
- Such detectors are required to be suitable for the detection of the gas fuel and be of a certified safe type for use in the explosive gas and air mixture.
- Above requirement is mandatory on all Vehicle Carrier of 500 GT and above and which carry one or more Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles (HFCVs) or Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles (CNGVs) as cargo w.e.f. 1st January 2016.
- Ship Owners and Managers are advised to be guided by above forthcoming requirements for necessary compliance.

Enclosure:

1. Nil

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