

OFFICE OF THE SHIPS REGISTRAR

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To Whom It May Concern**Statement by the International Ship Registry of the Government of Togo****Equivalent Arrangements accepted under Regulation 5(a) of Chapter I of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 74 (as amended)****1. Notification**

The SOLAS 1974 Convention, Regulation 35 of Chapter III as amended, applicable to ships the keels of which are laid before 1 July 1986, indicates that every cargo ship shall carry lifeboats on each side of the ship of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate all persons on board and in addition shall carry liferafts sufficient to accommodate all persons on board.

The **International Ship Registry of the Government of Togo** agrees that cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards, which keels were laid or where ships were at similar stages of construction before 01 July 1986, other than oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers and Ro-Ro cargo ships, having length between the perpendiculars, as defined in Regulation 3(1) of Annex I of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, of less than 100 metres, may, in lieu of complying with the requirements of Regulation 35 of Chapter III, comply with the conditions as mentioned in paragraph 2. of these equivalent arrangements.

2. Conditions on which the equivalent arrangements are accepted

- 1) Ships shall carry liferafts on each side of the ship of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons on board;
- 2) Unless such liferafts can be readily transferred for launching on either side of the ship, additional liferafts shall be provided so that the total capacity of the liferafts available on each side will accommodate twice the total number of persons on board;
- 3) The liferafts shall be served by approved launching appliances or similar approved means of safeguarding a dry embarkation of all persons on board into the liferafts, equally distributed on each side of the ship;

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- 4) In addition, ships shall carry at least one approved rescue boat;
- 5) The rescue boat shall be served by an approved launching appliance, which may be combined with one launching appliance that serves the liferafts, if approved for dual purpose;
- 6) If the rescue boat also meets the requirements for a lifeboat it may be included in the aggregate capacity of the liferafts required on one side of the ship.

In accepting this equivalent arrangement, **the International Ship Registry of the Government of Togo** has taken into account the experience gained from cargo ships up to 85 m, which have been equipped with liferafts and with a rescue boat, in lieu of lifeboats.

For the

International Registry of the Government of Togo,

A blue ink signature of Vera N. Medawar is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains the text 'TOGOLESE REPUBLIC' at the top, 'SHIPS REGISTRAR' in the center, and 'INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY' at the bottom. The seal also features a central emblem with a ship and a star.

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