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## **Flag State Information**

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### **Introduction**

This Flag State Information (FI) defines terminology or abbreviations used in the subsequent FIs. As long as no other definition of a term is contained in a particular FI, the definitions of *FI S/-/000/2020/Rev. xy* apply. Unless further specified, the version of an international or national regulation that was valid at the time of publishing the respective FI is generally referred to. The following list is sorted in alphabetical order and will be updated continuously.

## Terminology and Abbreviations

### Administration Department

*Administration Department* means the administrative department of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr.

### Annex 1a

*Annex 1a* means annex 1a to the sections 6 and 6a of the Ship Safety Ordinance from 1998.

### BASZ

*BASZ* means the "Bau- und Ausrüstungssicherheitszeugnis" (Construction and Equipment Safety Certificate – national German certificate).

### BG Verkehr

*BG Verkehr* means the "Berufsgenossenschaft Verkehrswirtschaft Post-Logistik Telekommunikation" (German Social Accident Insurance Institution for Commercial Transport, Postal Logistics and Telecommunication).

### Cape Town Agreement

*Cape Town Agreement* means the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the 1977 Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels.

### Class, recognized class, classification society, recognized classification society, recognized organization

As a rule, the term *class* is used in the FIs. The terms *recognized class*, *classification society*, *recognized classification society*, *recognized organization* are used synonymously. They all refer to a classification society recognized by the German Flag State Administration in accordance with Directive 2009/15/EC, with which a working relationship has been established in accordance with Directive 2009/15/EC. Which classification societies are currently included can be viewed at [www.deutsche-flagge.de/en](http://www.deutsche-flagge.de/en).

### Deadweight Measurement

*Deadweight Measurement* means the evaluation of the lightship weight and the longitudinal centre of gravity based on draught readings. The term *Lightship Weight Measurement* is used synonymously.

### DS

*DS* means the "Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit" (Ship Safety Division) of BG Verkehr.

## **Explanatory Notes to IS Code**

*Explanatory Notes to IS Code* means the Explanatory Notes to the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 [MSC.1/Circ.1281].

## **FI**

*FI* means Flag State Information.

## **Fire Protection Department**

*Fire Protection Department* means the department for constructional fire protection and dangerous goods of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr.

## **GT**

*GT* means gross tonnage as defined by the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

## **ICLL 66/88**

*ICLL 66/88* means The International Convention on Load Lines.

## **ILLC**

*ILLC* means the International Load Line Certificate.

## **IMO**

*IMO* means the International Maritime Organization.

## **Inclining Test, Inclining Experiment**

Inclining Test and Inclining Experiment are used synonymously.

## **IS Code, 2008 IS Code**

As a rule, *IS Code* and *2008 IS Code* are used synonymously. It means the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 [Res MSC.267(85)].

## **ISM / ILO Department**

*ISM/ILO Department* means the department for safety management and issues concerning the International Labour Organisation of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr.

## **Legal Department**

*Legal Department* means the department for legal affairs of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr.

## **Length**

*Length* means the length of the vessel as defined by the International Convention on Load Lines. However, in connection with the approval of commercially used recreational craft and small craft with a freeboard length of less than 24 m, this refers to the hull length as defined in DIN EN ISO 8666, as amended in April 2003.

## **Lightship Data**

*Lightship Data* means the lightship weight and its associated centres of gravity in longitudinal, transverse and vertical direction.

## **Lightship Weight Measurement**

*Lightship Weight Measurement* is used synonymously with deadweight measurement. For the definition, see deadweight measurement.

## **Machine Department**

*Machine Department* means the department for issues regarding machinery and protection of the marine environment of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr.

## **MARPOL, MARPOL Convention**

*MARPOL* and *MARPOL Convention* is used synonymously. It means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships.

## **Nautical Department**

*Nautical Department* means the department for nautical issues of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr.

## **NLLC**

*NLLC* means the National Load Line Certificate.

## **Notification, Notification 84, Notification on Stability**

As a rule, within the FIs the expression *Notification* is used. The terminology *Notification 84*, *Notification on Stability* is used synonymously. It refers to the Notification Concerning Application of the Rules of Stability for Cargo Ships, Passenger Ships and Special Vessels of 24th October 1984 (national German stability regulations).

## **OSV, Offshore Supply Vessel**

As a rule, the abbreviation OSV is used in the FIs. *Offshore Supply Vessel* is used synonymously.

**OSV Code**

*OSV Code* means the Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and Persons by Offshore Supply Vessels [Res. A.863(20)].

**OSV Guidelines**

*OSV Guidelines* means the Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Offshore Supply Vessels [Res. A.469(XII)].

**PS**

*PS* means portside.

**RO, Recognized Organization**

*RO* and *Recognized Organization* are used synonymously. For definition, see the term class above.

**SafCon**

*SafCon* means the International Safety Construction Certificate.

**Shipbuilding Department**

*Shipbuilding Department* means the department for shipbuilding of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr.

**SB**

*SB* means starboard.

**SeeSpbootV**

*SeeSpbootV* means the "Verordnung über die Inbetriebnahme von Sportbooten und Wassermotorrädern sowie deren Vermietung und gewerbsmäßige Nutzung im Küstenbereich" ("See-Sportbootverordnung" - German Maritime Recreational Craft Ordinance).

**SchSG**

*SchSG* means the "Schiffssicherheitsgesetz" (German Ship Safety Act).

**SchSV**

*SchSV* means the "Schiffssicherheitsverordnung" of 1998 (German Ship Safety Ordinance).

## **SiZg**

*SiZg* means "Sicherheitszeugnis" (Safety Certificate). It refers to the safety certificate that is required for the respective type of ship.

## **nm**

*nm* means nautical mile(s).

## **SOLAS, SOLAS Convention**

As a rule, the abbreviation *SOLAS* is used in the FIs. *SOLAS Convention* is used synonymously. This refers to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.

## **Surveyor**

*Surveyor* means a member of field staff of the Ship Safety Division.

In the case of vessels subject to the supervision of a classification society recognized by the German flag State administration, it is a surveyor of the competent classification society.

## **1994 HSC Code**

*1994 HSC Code* means the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft, 1994 [Res. MSC.36(63)].

## **2000 HSC Code**

*2000 HSC Code* means the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft, 2000 [Res. MSC.97(73)].

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