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Shipping Guidance Notice – 006

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies

Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBD's)

This Guidance Notice, which complements previous guidance issued by this department on 12 August 2002 on the same subject, clarifies the requirements of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration for Gibraltar registered vessels.

The minimum number of EEBD's to kept within the accommodation spaces should be as follows:

1. for cargo ships: two (2) EEBD's and (1) one spare EEBD;
2. for passenger ships carrying not more than 36 persons: two (2) EEBD's for each main vertical zone and a total of two (2) spare EEBD's;
3. for passenger ships carrying more than 36 persons four (4) EEBD's for each main vertical zone and a total of two (2) spare EEBD's;

EEBD's in machinery spaces shall be situated ready for use at easily visible places which can be reached quickly and easily at any time in the event of a fire. The location of EEBD's shall take into account the layout of the machinery spaces and the number of persons normally working in the spaces.

The number and positioning of EEBD's in the machinery spaces is to be decided by each company taking into account the above requirements.

In addition to the above requirements all vessels should carry as a minimum (1) EEBD as a training unit, clearly marked as such.

The number and location of EEBD's shall be indicated in the Fire Control Plan.

EEBD's shall comply with the Fire Safety Systems Code (FSS Code)

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