RESOLUTION N0. 007/2004

General Directorate of the Merchant Marine of Honduras.- Tegucigalpa, Central District, February fourth of the year two thousand and four.

CONSEDERING: The Organic Law of the National Merchant Marine has as an objective to establish the legal frame of the National Merchant Marine and in general the maritime activities, regulate the administration that will be subject to hold and to establish the norms regarding maritime safety and marine environment protection.

CONSEDERING: The General Directorate of the Merchant Marine is responsible for the administration, control and coordination of all the activities related to the Merchant Marine, being on of its attributions to comply and enforce among others, its normative frame, as well the legal dispositions and regulations that keep relation with its assignments.

CONSIDERING: The General Directorate of the Merchant Marine, in full observance of the International Conventions ratified by the Republic of Honduras and in particular as State Party to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 1974) and the International Convention on Load Lines 1966, recognized the need to introduce the International Conference on the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification 1988, adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on 25 November 1999 by Resolution A. 883 (21).

CONSIDERING: The Resolution A. 883 (21) encourages that States which are Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 1974) and the International Convention on Load Lines 1966, but not Parties to the 1988 SOLAS and Load Line Protocols: (a) Implement the harmonized system of survey and certification as from 3 February 2000; and (b) Issue certificates in the form prescribed by the 1988 Protocols as modified in accordance with Annex 2 of Resolution A.883 (21).

CONSIDERING: The International Conference on the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification 1988, adopted among others the 1988 SOLAS Protocol related to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and Load Line Protocol 1988, related to the

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International Convention on Load Lines 1966, to introduce Harmonized System of Survey and Certification 1988.

CONSIDERING: The Resolution A. 883 (21) makes known the amendments that have been adopted to introduce the harmonized system of survey and certification in the following instruments: a) Annexes I and II of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), by resolution MEPC. 39 (29); b) The International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code), by resolutions MEPC. 40 (29) and MSC. 16 (58); c) The International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code), by resolution MSC. 17 (58); and d) The Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in bulk (BCH code), by resolutions MEPC. 41 (29) and MSC. 18 (58).

CONSIDERING: The Harmonized System is intended to reduce problems caused by dates and intervals between surveys which do not coincide, so that a ship should no longer have to go into port or repair yard for a survey required by one Convention shortly after doing the same thing in connection with another instrument.

CONSIDERING: The Resolution A. 883 (21) invites Port States, whether or not they are Parties to the 1988 SOLAS and Load Line Protocols, to accept the certificates issued in accordance with paragraph 1 of the resolution as equivalent to the certificates issued under the SOLAS and Load Line Convention or Protocols in force for those States.

CONSIDERING: In practice, many Administrations and Classifications Societies already operate a form of harmonized survey and certification.

THEREFORE

The General Directorate of the National Merchant Marine, in fulfillment to the established in Law and in application of articles: 116, 120 of the Public Administrative Law; 30 numeral 4 of the Organization, Functioning and Competency Rules of the Executive Power, IMO Resolution A. 883 (21); 1, 9, 92 numeral 1, 15, and others applicable of the Organic Law of the Merchant Marine.

RESOLVES

FIRST: Adopt and implement as from the date of effect of the present resolution the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification approved by the IMO thru resolution A. 883 (21) dated 25 November 1999.

SECOND: The present Resolution will become effective from the date of publication in the "La Gaceta" Official Gazette and should be officially announced to the Maritime Safety Committee and the Sub- Committee on Flag State Implementation of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Secretariat of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU´s), Shipwoners, Tenants, Shipping Agencies and Recognized Organizations thru their duly authorized legal representatives. **COMPLY.**

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