



CIRCULAR MCO – 015-2021

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24th, 2021
FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: SURVEYORS/ MANagements/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS
SUBJECT: APPLICATION OF ANNEX 14 OF THE CODE OF SAFE PRACTICE
FOR CARGO STOWAGE AND SECURING (CSS CODE)

Dear All:

By this means we would like to draw your attention to circular **MMC-340** which is a guideline on the application of Annex 14 of the CSS Code for new and existing ships designed and fitted for the carriage of containers on deck, relating to the “Guidance on Providing Safe Working Conditions for Securing of Containers on Deck”.

Annex 14 of the CSS Code is to be applied entirely by new container ships while existing ships which keels were laid before July, 2017 shall comply with all applicable requirements by the first survey related to the Safety Construction Certificate on or after July 1st, 2018 and by their first scheduled dry docking on or after July 1st, 2018 but not later than July 1st, 2023.

All personnel onboard should be familiarized with the ship’s characteristics and potential hazards arising from operations necessary to carry on their duties, training including situational awareness should be given to all personnel.

Shipowners, Operators are encouraged to include procedures for cargo safe access plans as per Chapter 5 of MSC.1/Circ.1353/Rev.1. Notwithstanding RO’s are requested to inform shipowners that differing requirements could have been implemented by port and terminal operators. Shipowners are advised to enquire about any additional requirements with authorities from ports of call.

Circular **MMC-340** replaces **MMC-42**.

Note: **Circular MMC-302** attached for reference.

All related documents can be found on our website: <https://macosnar.com/>.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,



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