



## IMO Unique Company and registered Owner Identification Number Scheme

Dear Madams and Sirs,

The Unique Identification Number Scheme and the requirements of SOLAS Regulation IX-1/3-1 were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 80<sup>th</sup> session requiring every company and every registered owner to be provided with an identification (ID) number (IMO Company ID). A permanent and Unique Number is required to be assigned to all Companies and registered owners managing any ship of 100 gross tonnes and above engaged on international voyages.

Registered owners and companies can obtain their number directly from Lloyd's Fairplay (LRF) free of charge. The LRF website [www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com](http://www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com) has a free registration system that allows to request for numbers as well as to look up numbers.

The IMO Company ID consists of seven digits and begins with the letters "IMO" followed by either "Company" or "Registered Owner", then followed by the seven digits, e.g. IMO Company Number 1234567.

This regulation shall take effect when certificates referred to in MSC.194(80) are issued or renewed on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. In accordance with the requirements, the IMO Company IDs will be inserted in the following certificates at the time of the renewal audit by Germanischer Lloyd:

- ISM Code Document of Compliance (DOC)
- ISM Code Safety Management Certificate (SMC)
- ISPS Code International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)

To ensure smooth implementation, Germanischer Lloyd will start to issue the a.m. certificates containing the IMO Company ID following renewal audits as of July 2008.


For this purpose it is vitally important that the name and address of your company for which you apply for an IMO Company ID to Lloyd's Fairplay, **exactly corresponds** to the name and address which is stated in the DOC and notified to the Flag Administration according to ISM-Code 3.1.

When applying for any Renewal Audits due for DOCs, SMCs and ISSCs on or after July 2008, you are herewith kindly requested to submit your IMO Company ID to department Marine Management Systems Certification and Maritime Security respectively.

Thanks for your attention and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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