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Shipping Guidance Notice – 165

MGN 712 (M):

Electronic inclinometers for new container ships and bulk carriers

To: MLC Shipowners, Operators, and Masters

1. **References**

- IMO Resolution MSC.532(107)
- SOLAS 2023 Amendment (107th) / Chapter V / Reg. 19.2.12
- MGN 712 (M): Electronic inclinometers for new container ships and bulk carriers
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Survey, Certification and Safety) Regulations 2004

2. **Summary**

The purpose of this Shipping Guidance Notice (SGN) is to bring to the attention of Gibraltar registered vessels stakeholders IMO Resolution MSC.532(107), which under amendments to SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19.2.12 bring into effect mandatory requirements in respect of containerships and bulk carriers of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed on or after 1 January 2026, to be fitted with an electronic inclinometer, or other means, to determine, display and record the ship's roll motion.

3. **Application**

The Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Survey, Certification and Safety) Regulations 2004 (as amended), Part VIII, invoke the SOLAS Chapter V requirements in respect of Gibraltar registered ships.

SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19.2.12 is effective as from 01 January 2026.

The Regulation does not apply to existing bulk carriers and container ships, nor to cargo ships occasionally carrying cargo in bulk and general cargo ships carrying containers on deck.

4. **Recommendation & Guidance**

The United Kingdom Maritime & Coast Guard Agency has published MGN 712 (M): Electronic inclinometers for new container ships and bulk carriers which provides guidance in respect of Regulation 19.2.12 requirements.

Masters, owners, and operators of Gibraltar registered vessels are encouraged to review the guidance contained within MGN 712 (M), in relation to any container ships or bulk carriers which may be constructed on or after 01 January 2026.

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For & on behalf of the Maritime Administrator

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