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BANGLADESH MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE (BMSN-01/2025)

Applicable To : Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Operators, Masters, concerned Crew Members, Recognized Organizations, Agents of Bangladesh Flagged Ships and the shipping community.

Subject : General clarification for all Bangladesh Flagged vessels contracted/ constructed at similar date/Escape Trunk internal Dimension.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted unified interpretations of SOLAS Reg. II-2/9 and II-2/13, through Resolution [MSC.1/Circ.1511](#) dated 5 June 2015.
2. Resolution [MSC.1/Circ.1511](#) adopted for unified interpretations including that "Passage having diameter of 800 mm is available throughout the vertical enclosure, clear of ship's structure, with insulation and equipment (if any)" whereas no retroactive requirement was stipulated.
3. In that context, for any Bangladeshi ship, the interpretations mentioned in that circular are not applicable to those ship built before 5 June 2015.
4. In addition, IMO Resolution [A.1185\(33\)](#) on 'Procedures for Port State Control' adopted including that "Regarding the minimum width of external escape routes, the arrangements approved by the flag Administrations should be accepted." (Appendix 6 Para 6.4).

All parties concerned are requested to be guided accordingly.

Reference documents and links:

- MSC.1/Circ.1511
- IMO Resolution A.1185(33)





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10. Brave Royal Ship Management (BD) Ltd, Kabir Manzil, Sk. Mujib Road, Agrabad, Chattogram.
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23. PH Navigation, House No. 5, Road No. 36, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212.
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