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Reminder: Pilot transfer arrangements - revised requirements applicable to existing ships

Revised requirements covering some safety aspects of pilot transfer arrangements have been introduced through changes to SOLAS Regulation V/23 and apply to “*equipment and arrangements for pilot transfer which are installed on or after 1 July 2012*”.¹

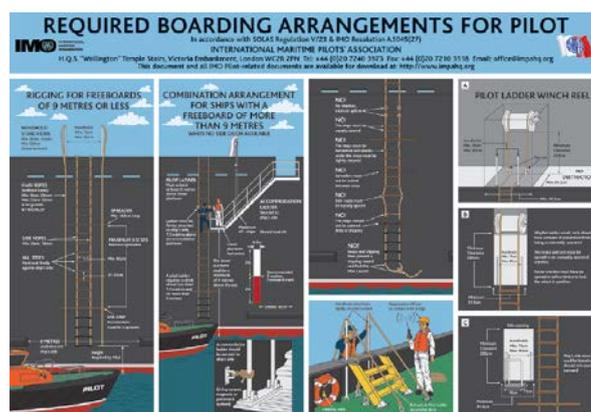
Although the revised requirements affect primarily *new ships*, i.e., ships constructed on or after 1 July 2012, or for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 July 2012, some of the requirements also apply to *existing ships* constructed *before* 1 July 2012.

The revised requirements for existing ships in summary:

- Mechanical pilot hoists shall not be used.
- Shipside doors used for pilot transfer shall not open outwards (applies to ships constructed before 1 January 1994, and must be modified not later than the first survey on or after 1 July 2012).
- Installed replacement equipment shall, insofar as is reasonably practicable, comply with all aspects of the revised requirements.
- Other existing installations will not be affected as long as they are in compliance with the old requirements.

Gard’s Members and clients should familiarise themselves with the revised requirements for pilot transfer arrangements as stipulated by SOLAS Regulation V/23. For ships fitted with mechanical pilot hoists or shipside doors opening outwards, replacements and modifications should be carried out in order to ensure compliance also after 1 July 2012. All replacements and modifications should be carried out in close co-operation with the Classification Society and Flag Administration.

For details of all relevant requirements for pilot transfer arrangements, please see [IMO Resolution A.1045\(27\)](#). An updated poster reflecting the revised requirements has been prepared by the International Maritime Pilot’s Association ([IMPA](#)). The updated poster is reproduced below.



A larger version of the poster can be downloaded from IMPA’s homepage, [click here](#)

¹ The revised SOLAS Reg.V/23 was adopted by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) during their 88th session, see [MSC.308\(88\)](#) dated 3 December 2010. The term “*installed on or after 1 July 2012*” should in this context refer to a contractual delivery date for the system to the ship, or if this is not available, the date it was actually delivered to the ship. However, this does not apply to equipment and arrangements installed on or after 1 July 2012, which is a replacement of equipment and arrangements provided on board existing ships before 1 July 2012. Reference is also made to [IMO MSC.1/Circ.1375](#) “Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Regulation V/23”.