



TECHNICAL ALERT No. 18-04

Amendments to the IAMSAR Manual

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The new amendments to the IAMSAR manual will come into effect on 01 July 2019.
- 1.2. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) wishes to bring the information in Paragraph 2 to the early attention of interested parties so that they may take appropriate action to comply.

2. IAMSAR Amendments

- 2.1. Amendments to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) manual come into effect on 01 July 2019.
- 2.2. Details of the amendments can be found in IMO MSC Circular MSC.1/Circ.1594.
- 2.3. The amendments contain a new section (1.8) on search and rescue by maritime rescue services in times of armed conflict as well as large updates to Volume III of the manual. All these amendments will be included in the 2019 edition of the Manual.
- 2.4. SOLAS regulation V/21 requires all ships to carry an up to date copy of the IAMSAR Manual Volume III
- 2.5. It is recommended that Owners and other interested parties make themselves aware of these amendments and ensure they have the 2019 edition of the manual sent to vessels when published.

3. Validity

3.1. This alert is valid until 31 July 2019.

4. Revision History

Rev.0 (16 July 2018) – First issue