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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Exemptions granted under regulation I/4

Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS)

Statement by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the communication by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas containing a summary, in the annex, of SOLAS exemptions granted to subject vessels under regulation I/4 of the above Convention.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

ANNEX



Secretary General
International Maritime Organisation,
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London SE1 7SR,
United Kingdom.

2nd February 2012

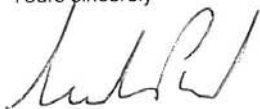
Dear Sir,

Acceptance of an Exemption under Chapter 1 Regulation 4 of the SOLAS 1974 convention as amended

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the SOLAS 1974, as amended, convention, The Bahamas Maritime Authority, acting on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, has agreed the following Exemption to the requirements of SOLAS 1974, as amended, Ch 5 Reg 19.2.2.3 and 19.2.2.4

This administration requests that the information is circulated to SOLAS Contracting Governments.

Yours sincerely



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**Exemption to SOLAS Convention, 1974, as amended,
Ch. V Regulations 19**

In accordance with the provisions of SOLAS, 1974, as amended, Ch 1, Regulation 4, the Government of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas has approved exemption to the provisions of Ch.V Regulation 19.2.2.3 and 19.2.2.4 as summarized below.

Name of ship	IMO Number	DOB	Type
PRIDE AFRICA	9193630	1999	DRILLING SHIP
PRIDE ANGOLA	9193642	1999	DRILLING SHIP
PRIDE PORTLAND	8764341	2004	SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE DRILLING RIG
PRIDE CARLOS WATER	8764195	2000	SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE DRILLING RIG
PRIDE RIO DE JANEIRO	8764339	2004	SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE DRILLING RIG

Ch. V Reg 19.2.2.3 and 19.2.2.4 require all vessels to be fitted with a Bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS) by the dates stated within this paragraph and certain requirements for BNWAS fitted prior to the stated dates):

Exemption:

The administration has exempted the named five vessels from the requirement to fit BNWAS as required by SOLAS, 1974 as amended, Ch V Reg 19.2.2.3 and 19.2.2.4

In granting this exemption, the following was considered:

1. The vessels spend a considerable period of their life in one position due to the nature of their design and work.
2. The units are DP notation and maintain stations using DP systems operated from the Navigational bridge. As such the bridge is continuously manned by at least two persons while at station and during any transit between stations.
3. The procedures and requirements for bridge navigational watch setting during transit and on station are documented in the safety Management System.

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