

**Marine Notice: PMA/02/2017****23-Feb-2017****To: All Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships, and
Recognized Organizations****Subject: Implementation of Ports and Maritime Affairs Directives and
Regulations**

In consideration of recent amendments to SOLAS, MARPOL and STCW, the Ports and Maritime Affairs (PMA) have issued several directives and circulars for guidance on implementation of the said conventions with immediate effect. For convenience of all concerned parties, these Circulars, Directives and national regulations have been uploaded on MTT website and can be accessed by opening the below link;

<http://www.mtt.gov.bh/content/pma-law-and-regulation>

It is mandatory for Bahraini flagged vessels to comply with the requirements of relevant national laws, SOLAS 74, MARPOL 73/78, COLREG 72, Load Line 1966 and STCW 78 (including the 1995 and 2010 Manila Amendments), and all other conventions and codes (that Bahrain is party to) relating to maritime safety, environment and security including all subsequent amendments to these instruments.

The respective Classification Societies authorized to act on behalf of the Bahrain Administration shall verify compliance during annual surveys and report any non-conformity to the PMA.