

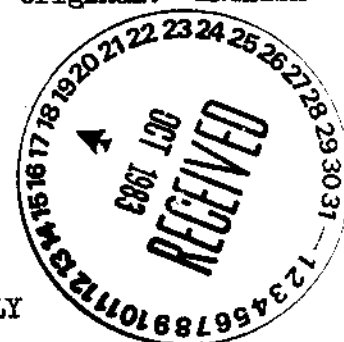
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CARRIAGE OF MASTHEAD LIGHTS ON BOARD SUPPLY  
SHIPS ENGAGED IN OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

At the request of Norway the following is brought to the attention of all Member Governments:

"Due to the special construction and purpose of supply ships engaged in offshore activities, and the undue glare effect from lights placed on a low mast in front of the wheelhouse on board these ships, the Norwegian Maritime Directorate has granted a general exemption for such ships of 50 metres or more in length from the requirements to carry two masthead lights. The exemption is based on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, Rule 1(e) (COLREG 72), on the following conditions:

- 1 The one masthead light shall be placed over the fore and aft centreline and not more than one quarter of the length of the ship from the stem.
- 2 The masthead light shall not be placed abaft correctly placed sidelights.
- 3 All lights shall be placed so that undue glare is avoided.
- 4 The masthead light, which is to be carried in accordance with COLREG 72, Rule 23(a)(i), shall be placed as prescribed in Annex I of those Regulations.
- 5 The ranges of visibility of all lights shall be as prescribed in COLREG 72, Rule 22.
- 6 The sternlight shall be placed as near the stern as practicable.
- 7 When the sternlight is placed near or in the after part of the superstructure, the ship shall be fitted with a searchlight placed near or on the superstructure, in order to illuminate the after deck to give other ships a warning of the ship's length, when necessary. The searchlight and its placing shall be approved by the Norwegian Maritime Directorate.
- 8 When supply ships intend to carry lights in accordance with items 1 to 7 above, a drawing showing the light arrangement shall be submitted to the Norwegian Maritime Directorate for approval. The installation of the lights must not commence until such approval is given.

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When supply ships intend to carry two masthead lights, as prescribed in COLREG 72, Rule 23(a), the placing and the horizontal distance between the two masthead lights shall be as prescribed in Annex I of those Regulations."



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