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Regulatory developments and challenges – The Polar Code

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Code development process

- SOLAS Chapter V
- Intact Stability Code
- MARPOL Annexes I, II and V
- Guidelines
Adoption of the Polar Code

MSC 94 – November 2014

MEPC 68 – May 2015

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Ship categories

Category A – medium, first year ice

Category B – thin first year ice

Category C – open waters, ice conditions less severe than A and B
Seafarers certification

Minimum requirements for masters and deck officers

Standards of competence, certificates, documentary evidence

Transitional provisions
Further work

- Guidance on a methodology for determining limitations for ships operation in ice - POLARIS (Polar Operational Limit Assessment Risk Indexing System)
- Assessment of additional performance / test standards on Fire Protection and LSA
- Transitional requirements for training and certification of seafarers
- Non SOLAS vessels
Challenges

- Finalisation of guideline implementation
- Reception facilities
- Seafarers
- New instruments or regulations
- SAR
Thank you