



SAFETY MANAGEMENT MANUAL

1.4 APPLICABILITY

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to set forth the applicability of the Safety Management System at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

2. Scope

The Safety Management System is required by the SOLAS Convention and is mandatory for all cargo ships of 500 gross tons and over and its mandatory compliance date is 1 July 2002. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution operates oceanographic research vessels that are regulated under SOLAS as cargo vessels. The ISM Code requires the certification of the company and compliance with the stated Safety Management System by the vessels. This procedure defines the portion of the company subject to the ISM Code.

3. General

The ISM Code provides an international standard for the safe management and operation of ships and for pollution prevention. Under the ISM Code, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution must obtain a Document of Compliance. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is a large complex organization with many functions not related to the operation of the vessels subject to the ISM Code. As such the Code allows the company to define the portion of its company that is related to the operations of these vessels.

Within Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the shore personnel associated with the responsibility to ensure safe management and operation of ships and for pollution prevention is the Ship Operations Group. Therefore, the applicability for the Safety Management System is focused on that group.

Since the applicability of the ISM Code has been established as the Ship Operations Group, any transactions occurring with other Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution entities shall be treated as an outside vendor or entity.

The Ship Operations Group manages various sized vessels. Some of these are not required to meet the ISM Code. This Safety Management System shall be applicable to all vessels under the operational control of the Ship Operations Group.