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RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARITIME SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT CODE (ISM CODE)

The International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code) aims to improve maritime safety by introducing an obligation to develop, implement and maintain a company's safety management system – a documented system, which enables effective implementation of safety and environmental protection standards by the company's personnel. The state administration confirms the fulfillment of ISM Code requirements by issuing a Document of Compliance. It is the basis for issuing Safety Management Certificates for a fleet owner, which is the main evidence that the ship is complying with the requirements of the Code and a guarantee that the company has made efforts to limit the level of risk associated with the operation of its ships to an acceptable level.