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

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

- 1 The Norwegian Maritime Directorate has decided to withdraw the general exemption granted in 1981 for supply ships of 50 metres or more in length from the requirement of Rule 23 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG. 72) to carry two masthead lights; this exemption was granted pursuant to Rule 1(e) of COLREG, 72, and was brought to the attention of all Member Governments by IMO circular SN/Circ.116 of 9 September 1983.
- 2 Any application for exemptions from the requirements of COLREG, 72 will now be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- 3 The general exemption as mentioned above granted previously to existing supply ships will still be valid.
- 4 The old circular is still valid for existing ships.