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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

**Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulations V/19 and V/27**

**Nautical publications**

**Communication by the Government of Barbados**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Barbados on equivalent arrangements accepted under regulations V/19 and V/27 of the above Convention.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

## STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

1 Regulation V/19.2.1.4 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 as amended (SOLAS) requires that all ships irrespective of size shall have nautical charts and nautical publications to plan and display the ship's route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage; an electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) may be accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements.

2 The Government of Barbados gives notification that on Barbados flagged ships, ECDIS will be accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of regulation 19.2.1.4 of SOLAS, chapter V.

3 Such ships should be fitted with an electronic chart display and information system, type-approved in accordance with relevant international standards (Ref. IMO resolution A.817(19) as amended by resolution MSC.64(67), Annex 5 and MSC.86(70), Annex 4) and with the following provisions:

- .1 that the electronic navigation chart system should have type approval for marine use by an authority acting under the Marine Equipment Directive; and
- .2 a traditional chart portfolio is maintained as applicable to ship's trade in cases where an independent back-up means of accessing the navigation chart is not provided.

4 The Government of Barbados accepts for ships flying the Barbados flag nautical publications such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and other publications necessary for the intended voyage in a digital format as meeting the requirements of SOLAS regulation V/27, provided that the electronic chart display and information system and the back-up arrangements in use allow instant access at any time to the nautical publications, that the ship is using information data issued officially by, or on behalf of, a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institutions, and that the ship's master and navigational officers are trained to use the system.

5 The electronic chart and information system and the nautical publication in digital format shall be adequate and up to date for the intended voyage in accordance with SOLAS regulation V/27.

6 The Government of Barbados hereby gives notification that, subject to the above conditions, it accepts on all ships under the Barbados flag irrespective of their size electronic chart display and information system and nautical publications in digital format as meeting the carriage requirements of SOLAS regulation V/19.2.1.4 and V/27, respectively.