ACCEPTANCE OF THE USE OF DIGITAL NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS ONBOARD SHIP

The International Safety Management Code and the requirements of Regulation 27 Ch. V, SOLAS 74 as amended, all Malaysian flag ships to be provided with the publications listed in Appendixes 1 and 2 and the Circulars listed in Appendix 3 MSN 28/2008 covering areas of the trading pattern of the vessels.

The verification of the existence on board, of the required publications and circulars, should be considered as an additional requirement of the Malaysian flag with regard to the Safety Management System implemented on board Malaysian ships. Should any of the publications listed in this Circular be amended, owners and Managers are obliged to substitute the publication in question with an updated edition.

Kindly be informed that Malaysian ships are allowed to be provided with mandatory nautical publication in digital format as required in regulation 27 Chapter V SOLAS provided

(i) The nautical publications and weekly notice to mariners in digital format shall be saved or kept as an additional back-up by a method separated from the main user system so that they can be made available to the officer on watch (OOW) within a short period of time.

(ii) The nautical publication is protected from virus and from editing the original content except by the issuing authority

(iii) Accept only Nautical publication issued by or under the authority of IMO member states

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