INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5

Nautical charts and publications

Statement by the Government of Norway

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Norway on equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5 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.
Dear Sirs,

**STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY- EQUIVALENT ARRANGEMENT**

1) Regulation V/19.2.1.4 and V/27 of SOLAS 74, as amended by Res. MSC.92(73) and in force as of 1 July 2002, require on all ships the carriage of adequate and up-to-date charts and nautical publications, as defined in SOLAS/V regulation 2.2, for the intended voyage.

2) The Government of Norway gives notification of acceptance of the following equivalent arrangement under the provision of Regulation I/5 of the above Convention:

3) Norway will for all ships accept the carriage of nautical publications, such as List of Lights, Tide Tables, List of Radio Signals and Sailing Directions, Notices to Mariners, in its digital form, issued officially by or on the authority of a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant Government institutions.

4) Nautical publications in digital form shall be installed in a computer dedicated for navigational purpose and always available for the Officer of the Watch (OOW). The computer shall be connected to a main and emergency source of power.

5) As a back-up, nautical publications shall be installed in one additional computer on the bridge.

6) Equipment and installation shall be designed to give optimum ergonomic performance and secure the users night vision under all ambient illumination conditions and be in accordance with SOLAS V, Regulations 17 and 18, and MSC Circ. 982, where applicable.

7) Further, consideration shall be taken to MSC Circ. 891, “Guidelines for the on-board use and application of computers”.

Communication by the Government of Norway regarding ECDIS can be found in SLS.14/Circ.174 of 4 May 2001.

Yours faithfully,

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