INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5

Nautical charts and publications

Communication by the Government of Sweden

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Sweden 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.

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Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5 of SOLAS 74, as amended, Charts and nautical publications

Sir,

Regulations V/19.2.1.4 and V/27 of SOLAS 74, as amended and in force as of 1 July 2002, requires all ships to carry adequate and up-to-date charts and nautical publications, as defined in regulation V/2.2 of SOLAS 1974 for the intended voyage.

This communication concerns Swedish ships constructed on or after 1 July 2002 and ships constructed before that date, if they fully comply with regulation V/19 in force as of 1 July 2002.

1. Sweden accepts for Swedish ships the carriage of nautical publications, such as List of Lights, Tide Tables, List of Radio Signals and Sailing Directions, in digital form, issued officially by or on the authority of a Government authorized hydrographical office or other relevant Government institution.

2. Nautical publications in digital form shall be installed on a computer dedicated for navigational purposes and always be available to the officer on watch. The computer shall be connected to the main and emergency sources of power.

3. As a back-up, the nautical publications in digital form shall be installed on an additional computer on the ship. This computer shall be dedicated for ship-board administration only.

4. The ship shall take into consideration MSC/Circ.891 Guidelines for the on-board use and application of computers.
5. Further, the equipment and installation of the equipment shall give optimum ergonomic performance and safeguard the user’s night vision under all ambient illumination conditions and be in accordance with regulations V/15, 17 and 18, as applicable.

This interpretation also includes Swedish ships certified as High Speed Crafts in accordance with the HSC Code 1994 or the HSC Code 2000 and Swedish fishing vessels falling under the scope of Swedish regulations or EU-legislation for fishing vessels.

A communication by the Government of Sweden regarding ECDIS is to be found in SLS.14/Circ.198.

Yours sincerely,

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