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

**Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5**

**Nautical publications**

**Communication by the Government of Greece**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Greece 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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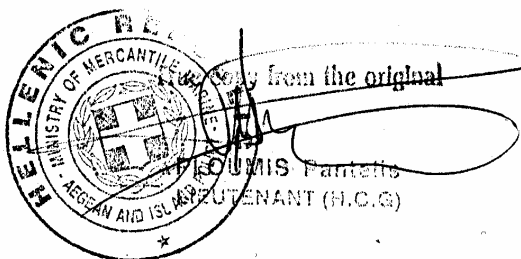
**SUBJECT: Statement by the Safety Navigation Directorate on Equivalent Arrangements Regarding Nautical Publications.**

Dear Sirs,

1. We have the honour to notify the Organization that our Ministry allows the attached equivalent arrangements to SOLAS V/19.2.1.4 and V/27 under the provisions of Regulation I/5.
2. The organization is kindly requested to circulate the particulars of this equivalent arrangement to other Contracting Governments for the information of their competent officers in accordance with Regulation I/5 (b).

Yours sincerely,

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### STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE

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.
2. Greece accepts, for ships flying the Hellenic flag, nautical publications, such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other publications necessary for the intended voyage in a digital format as meeting the requirements of SOLAS regulation V/27, provided that instant access at any time to the nautical publications is provided, that the ship is using information data issued officially by or on the authority of a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institution and that the ship's master and navigational officers are trained to use the system. Furthermore, it is required that:
  - The publications in digital form are always available to the Officer of the Watch (OOW). It is not required that the computer is placed on the bridge provided that it is possible to read and work with the data, without limitations, from the bridge.
  - The computer, which must solely be dedicated for the publications in digital form, shall always be connected to the main and emergency power supply, regardless of the operational conditions.
  - As a back up, the publications in digital form shall be installed on another computer on board so that they can be made available to the OOW within a short period of time. This computer shall be dedicated for ship-board administration only:
  - The equipment and installation shall comply with the requirements of SOLAS regulation V/17 regarding electromagnetic compatibility. Furthermore, it shall be possible to display the data on a monitor without impairing the OOW's night vision. Moreover, MSC/Circ.1091 on issues to be considered when introducing new technology on board ship, MSC/Circ.891 on Guidelines for the on-board use and application of computers and MSC/Circ.982 on Guidelines on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout shall be taken into account. The relevant equipment and installation shall comply with regulations V/15, 17 and 18, as applicable.
  - The software is protected from editing, viruses, etc.
3. The nautical publications in digital format shall be adequate and up to date for the intended voyage in accordance with SOLAS regulation V/27. Only original updates issued officially by, or on the authority of a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institution shall be used on board. Such updates can be received electronically. Documentation for receipt of updates and installation of these

shall be available on board (i.e., delivery notes) at any time, incorporating such procedure into the ship's International Safety Management (ISM) system.

4. This interpretation also includes Greek ships certified as High-Speed Crafts in accordance with the HSC Code 1994 or the HSC Code 2000.
5. The Hellenic Government hereby gives notification that, subject to the above conditions, it accepts on all ships under the Hellenic flag irrespective of their size nautical publications in digital format as meeting the carriage requirements of SOLAS regulations V/19.2.1.4 and V/27, respectively.

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