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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 Finland

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

ANNEX



**Finnish Maritime
Administration**

Maritime Safety Department

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The Secretary-General
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**Equivalent arrangement accepted under regulation I/5
of SOLAS 74, as amended, for nautical publications**

Sir,

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

This statement concerns Finnish 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. Finland accepts for Finnish ships the carriage of nautical publications in digital form, such as List of Lights, Tide tables, List of Radio Signals and Sailing Directions that are issued officially by or on the authority of a Government authorized hydrographical office or other relevant Government institution.
2. The nautical publications in digital form shall be installed on a computer that shall always be available to the officer on watch. This computer 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. Further, this computer it shall be connected to the main and emergency sources of power.
3. As a back-up, the up-to-date nautical publications in digital form shall be installed on an additional computer on the ship. This computer shall be dedicated for shipboard administration only.
4. The ship shall take into consideration MSC/Circ.891 Guidelines for the on-board use and application of computers.

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

Yours sincerely,

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