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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulations V/19 and V/27

Nautical publications

Communication by the Government of Germany

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Germany on equivalent arrangements accepted under regulations V/19 and V/27 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.

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

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; an electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) may be accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements.

2 Germany accepts for ships flying the German flag electronic chart display and information systems as meeting the chart carriage requirements of SOLAS regulation V/19.2.1.4, provided that the requirements of the performance standards for electronic chart display and information systems (Res. A.819 as amended by resolutions MSC 64(67), annex 5, and MSC 86(70), annex 4) are fulfilled and further provided that the system

- .1 has received type approval for its hardware;
- .2 uses official electronic nautical charts; and
- .3 is provided with back-up arrangements.

3 Germany accepts for ships flying the German flag nautical publications such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and other publications necessary for the intended voyage in a digital format as meeting the requirements of SOLAS regulation V/27, provided that the electronic chart display and information system and the back-up arrangements in use allow instant access at any time to the nautical publications, that the ship is using information data issued officially by, or on behalf 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.

4 The electronic chart display and information system and the nautical publications in digital format shall be adequate and up to date for the intended voyage in accordance with SOLAS regulation V/27.

5 The German Government hereby gives notification that, subject to the above conditions, it accepts on all ships under the German flag irrespective of their size electronic chart display and information systems and nautical publications in digital format as meeting the carriage requirements of SOLAS regulations V/19.2.1.4 and V/27, respectively.
