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Dear Mr Palerakis

Novaco Broadcast Service

Thank you for your letter, dated 12 November 2007, in which you sought the views of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) on the Novaco Broadcast Service for the reception of Admiralty Notices to Mariners in digital format using a dedicated L-band satellite receiver.

On the basis of our meeting during the recent Europort Maritime trade show in Rotterdam and the supplementary information provided with your letter of enquiry, I am pleased to advise you that MCA would recognise your Service as satisfying the carriage requirement for "Notices to Mariners" under Regulation 19.2.1.4 of Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention and the corresponding Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002.

This recognition would be given on the basis that the weekly edition of the Admiralty Notices to Mariners is transmitted in its entirety (Parts I – VI) and in a read-only format that can not be altered by end-users.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Navigation Safety Branch



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