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SURVEYS CIRCULAR No. 1/2011: ECDIS

Shipping Circular No. 29 of 2006, "EQUIVALENCE REGARDING DIGITAL CHARTS, NAUTICAL LIST OF LIGHTS AND OTHER DIGITAL NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS" spelt out Singapore's position on the use of digital nautical charts and publications. In the circular, the acceptance of the equivalence for the electronic charts and publications should be carried out on a case-by-case basis when shipping lines apply to MPA for acceptance.

2 With the entry into force of the mandatory ECDIS carriage requirements on 1 January 2011, with immediate effect, MPA authorises its Recognized Organizations to carry out the evaluation and assessment in accordance with Shipping Circular no. 29 of 2006 and type approval and certification for any vessel transiting to ECDIS (see also Shipping Circular No 3 of 2011).

4 As the new regulation does not apply to digital nautical publications, shipowners would continue to apply to MPA for a Letter of Equivalence if they wish to install digital nautical publications on board their ships, in accordance with Shipping Circular no. 29 of 2006.

Yours faithfully,

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