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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION ON THE APPENDIX TO THE SOLAS CONVENTION REGARDING THE RECORDS OF EQUIPMENT CONCERNING NAUTICAL CHARTS AND ECDIS

Completion of items 2.1 and 2.2 of part 3 of the Form E and items 2.1 and 2.2 of Part 5 of Forms P and C

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fourth session (17 to 21 November 2014), approved a unified interpretation on the Appendix to the SOLAS Convention regarding the records of equipment concerning nautical charts and ECDIS, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR), at its first session, as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to bring this unified interpretation to the attention of all parties concerned.

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IMO CONVENTIONS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

ANNEX

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SOLAS regulation V/19.2.1.4
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) is also accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of this subparagraph. Ships to which paragraph 2.10 applies shall comply with the carriage requirements for ECDIS detailed therein;

SOLAS regulation V/27
Nautical charts and nautical publications, such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage, shall be adequate and up to date.

Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (Form E) – Part 3 Details of navigational systems and equipment

Item	*Actual provision*
2.1 Nautical charts/Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)[2]	
2.2 Back-up arrangements for ECDIS	

[2] *Delete as appropriate*

Record of Equipment for the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (Form P) and Record of Equipment for the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate (Form C) – Part 5 Details of navigational systems and equipment

Item	*Actual provision*
2.1 Nautical charts/Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)[3]	
2.2 Back-up arrangements for ECDIS	

[3] *Delete as appropriate*

Interpretation

Items 2.1 and 2.2 of Part 3 of the Form E and items 2.1 and 2.2 of Part 5 of Forms P and C shall be completed according to the following scenarios:

1. Nautical Charts only

Item	*Actual provision*
2.1 Nautical charts~~/Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)~~	"*Provided*"
2.2 Back-up arrangements for ECDIS	" - "

2. Two ECDIS only (no nautical charts)

Item	*Actual provision*
2.1 ~~Nautical charts/~~Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)	"*Provided*"
2.2 Back-up arrangements for ECDIS	"*ECDIS*"

3. ECDIS + Nautical Charts

Item	*Actual provision*
2.1 Nautical charts/Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)	"*Both provided*"
2.2 Back-up arrangements for ECDIS	"*ECDIS*" *or* "*Nautical Charts*"*

** Enter as appropriate.*

Or

2.1 ~~Nautical charts/~~Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)	"*Provided*"
2.2 Back-up arrangements for ECDIS	"*Nautical Charts*"

NOTES:

1 The ship's management is responsible to determine what form of charts is to be used onboard as the primary means of navigation. Where paper charts are used as the primary means of navigation then they may also be regarded as the ECDIS back-up arrangements.

2 Paper charts or ECDIS provided as the "back-up arrangement" may be used alternatively with the primary ECDIS, and not be limited to use only when the primary ECDIS is inoperable.