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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5

Nautical publications

Communication by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda 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

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA W.I.**

St. John's, 07th March 2005

The Secretary General
International Maritime Organization
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To Whom It May Concern

Statement by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda

**Equivalent Arrangement accepted under Regulation 5 of Chapter I of the
International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 74 (as amended)**

1. Notification

SOLAS 1974 (as amended), Regulations V/19.2.1.4 and V/27 require that all ships carry adequate and up to date nautical charts and nautical publications on board necessary for the intended voyage.

Antigua and Barbuda has accepted the following publications in digital form:

- .1 digital lists of lights including weekly updates
- .2 digital tide tables including automatic update supply
- .3 digital supply of weekly Notices to Mariners published

provided that the publications have been issued officially by a duly authorized Hydrographical Office or another duly authorized equivalent organization.

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2. Conditions under which the arrangement has been accepted

- .1 The installation of the hardware shall comply with the requirements of SOLAS V/17 regarding electromagnetic compatibility. The data display shall not impair the night vision of the Officer Of the Watch (OOW).
- .2 One computer plus the associated hardware shall be fixed only for these publications in digital form and shall always be connected to the main and emergency power supply.
- .3 The OOW shall have access to read and to work with these publications in digital form at all times on the bridge.
- .4 The computer itself is not required to be installed on the bridge.
- .5 The same nautical publications in digital form shall be installed and maintained as a back-up on another computer on board the individual ship.
- .6 Only original updates from relevant duly authorized organizations may be used on board the individual ship.
- .7 Receipt of updates and their installation shall be available on board the individual ship.
- .8 The entire download, transfer to the individual ship and storage on electronic memory storage devices of the digital nautical publications shall be carried out in accordance with the company ISM procedures.

In accordance with regulation 1/5(b) of the 1974 SOLAS Convention this Administration is requesting the Organization to circulate the particulars of the above equivalent arrangement to other Contracting Governments for the information of their officers.

Yours sincerely,



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