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Dear Sir,

**SOLAS Chapter V, regulation 20 Nautical Publications**

With reference to your letter dated 2 November 2001, regarding SOLAS chapter V, Regulation 20, Nautical Publications, we would like to state as follows:

As we interpret Regulations 2.2, 19.2.1.4 & 5 and 27 in the amended SOLAS Chapter V, that shall enter into force 1 July 2002, we do not see any need to give a formal approval to your system as a substitute for a paper issue of the Notices to Mariners.

Regulation 2.2 is stating that nautical publications can be either a special-purpose map or book or a specially compiled database etc. etc. that is officially issued by etc.etc.

Since your company is approved by The United Kingdom Hydrographical Office to distribute the NtM in a digital form, the requirements in this regulation are met.

Further it will comply with ECDIS, Reg. 19.2.1.4 & 5, provided the demand of back-up arrangements is met.

To sum up we find that your system is fulfilling the demand of keeping nautical charts and publications up to date according to SOLAS Chapter V as amended.

With regards

Staffan Eliasson  
Captain MM