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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

**Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5**

**Nautical charts and publications**

**Communication by the Government of Malta**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Malta 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.

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## MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY

*Merchant Shipping Directorate*

24 October 2007

Mr E Mitropoulos  
Secretary General  
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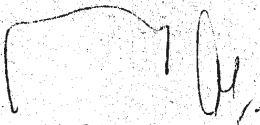
Sir

May I refer to regulations V/19.2.1.4 and V/27 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 that deal with nautical charts, sailing directions, list of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage.

In terms of the provisions of regulation I/5 of the same convention, the Government of Malta would like to submit the enclosed statement concerning the acceptance of equivalent arrangements.

I should be grateful if the attached statement is circulated to all contracting Governments.

Yours faithfully



L C Vassallo  
Permanent Representative of Malta  
to the International Maritime Organisation



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

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NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS

**Statement by the Government of Malta**

The Government of Malta gives notification of the acceptance of the following equivalent arrangement under the provisions of Regulation 5(a) of Chapter I of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

Regulation 19.2.1.4 and Regulation 27 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, requires all ships to carry adequate and up-to-date charts, sailing directions, list of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage.

The Government of Malta accepts the use on board of nautical publications such as Sailing Directions, List of Lights, Notices to Mariners, Tide Tables and List of Radio Signals in digital format on condition that:

- the nautical publications are issued officially by or under the authority of a SOLAS Contracting Government, by an authorized Hydrographic Office or by other institutions of a SOLAS Contracting Government;
- the updates are original and documentation for receipt of updates and their installation is available onboard. The ship's Safety Management System shall include procedures related thereto;
- the data is protected from editing;
- the nautical publications are installed in a dedicated computer that is supplied from the main and emergency source of power and is readily available to the Officer of the Watch (OOW). The display of data on the monitor shall not compromise the OOW's night vision;
- the nautical publications are installed in one additional computer, as back up, and which can be made available to the OOW in a short period of time;
- the Master and Bridge Team Officers are trained in the use of the system;
- the equipment and installation complies with the requirements of SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 17 regarding electromagnetic compatibility;
- the equipment and installation have taken into consideration the guidance contained in MSC/Circ.1091 on issues concerning introduction of new technology on board, MSC/Circ.891 regarding on board use and application of computers and MSC/Circ.982 on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout.