Guidelines on Annual Testing of the Automatic Identification System (AIS)

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Officers, Equipment Manufacturers and Classification Societies

Summary

This Note promulgates the Guidelines on annual testing of the automatic identification system (AIS) approved by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its 83rd session in October 2007.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO at its 83rd session in October 2007 approved the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1252, which contains the guidelines on annual testing of the automatic identification system (AIS).

2. The AIS required to be fitted on board the ship by SOLAS regulation V/19.2.4 should be subject to an annual performance test. The purpose of the guidelines is to provide a standard method for testing the performance of AIS.

3. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1252 is attached to this Note for ready reference. Parties concerned are required to follow these guidelines for annual testing of AIS installed on ships.

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