Clarification of SOLAS Regulations V/19.2.3.4 and V/19.2.9.2

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the clarification of SOLAS Regulations V/19.2.3.4 and V/19.2.9.2 on the requirements for speed and distance measuring devices.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 90th session in May 2012, clarified that both SOLAS Regulations V/19.2.3.4 and V/19.2.9.2 should be fulfilled by two separate devices i.e. one speed and distance measuring and indicating device capable of measuring speed through the water and one separate speed and distance measuring and indicating device capable of measuring speed over the ground in the forward and athwartships direction. The performance standards for the above devices are given in resolution MSC.96(72) which have been amended by resolution MSC.334(90) and the amendments will apply to devices installed on ships constructed on or after 1 July 2014.

2. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1429 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as an attachment to this Note.

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders are required to note the above clarification and act accordingly.

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