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CLARIFICATION OF SOLAS REGULATIONS V/19.2.3.4 AND V/19.2.9.2

1 SOLAS regulation V/19 requires that speed and distance measuring devices shall be fitted as follows:

.1 ships of 300 gross tonnage and upwards and passenger ships irrespective of size for measuring speed through the water (SOLAS regulation V/19.2.3.4); and

.2 ships of 50,000 gross tonnage and upwards for measuring speed over the ground in the forward and athwartships direction (SOLAS regulation V/19.2.9.2).

2 As described in paragraph 1 above, SOLAS requires all ships of 50,000 gross tonnage and upwards to be fitted with a speed and distance measuring device fulfilling SOLAS regulation V/19.2.3.4 and, in addition, a speed and distance measuring device fulfilling regulation V/19.2.9.2.

3 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (16 to 25 May 2012), taking into account the advice provided by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, at its fifty-seventh session (6 to 10 June 2011), agreed that both regulations should be fulfilled by two separate devices, i.e. one speed and distance measuring and indicating device capable of measuring speed through water and one separate speed and distance measuring and indicating device capable of measuring speed over the ground in the forward and athwartships direction.

4 In line with the above-mentioned decision, the Performance Standards for devices to measure and indicate speed and distance, given in resolution MSC.96(72), have been amended accordingly. These amendments are published in resolution MSC.334(90) and apply to devices installed on ships constructed on or after 1 July 2014.

5 Member Governments are invited to bring this clarification to the attention of all parties concerned.