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STATUTORY PUBLICATIONS REQUIRED ON SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES VESSELS

TO: **RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO), FLAG STATE INSPECTORS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, MASTERS AND SEAFARERS**

APPLICABLE TO: **ALL SHIPS**

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1. Introduction

This Circular identifies the statutory publications required or recommended to be carried on board ships registered in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in accordance with applicable international conventions and national legislation.

Unless otherwise specified, statutory publications may be carried in either paper or electronic format, provided that they:

- are official editions issued by, or on behalf of, the competent authority or recognized organization;
- are appropriate for the ship and its intended voyage or service;
- are maintained fully up-to-date; and
- comply with the applicable IMO instruments and the requirements of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration.

Where Electronic Nautical Publications (ENPs) are carried in lieu of paper nautical publications, Companies and Masters should ensure that the arrangements on board comply with the recommendations contained in IMO MSC.1/Circ.1705 – Guidelines on the Carriage and Use of Electronic Nautical Publications (ENP) Systems, as may be amended.

2. NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2.1 Shipping Act;

2.2 The Ship and Port Facility Security Regulations, 2004;

2.3 Applicable Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration Circulars;

2.4 The Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention, 2006) Regulations, 2017.

3. INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

3.1 Nautical Charts and Publications

3.1.1 Official, up-to-date paper nautical charts or Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs), as appropriate for the intended voyage, in accordance with SOLAS chapter V, regulations 19 and 27, including, as applicable:

3.1.1.1 Sailing Directions;

3.1.1.2 List of Lights;

3.1.1.3 Notices to Mariners;

3.1.1.4 Tide Tables;

3.1.1.5 List of Radio Signals;

3.1.1.6 Chart Catalogue;

3.1.1.7 Nautical Almanac;

- 3.1.1.8 Navigational Tables;
- 3.1.1.9 Tidal Stream Atlases;

Note: Where carried in electronic format, Electronic Nautical Publications (ENPs) should comply with the recommendations contained in IMO MSC.1/Circ.1705.

3.2 International Code of Signals
(SOLAS chapter V, regulation 21.1)

3.3 IAMSAR Manual, Volume III
(SOLAS chapter V, regulation 21.2)

The following Codes shall be carried on board, where applicable:

3.4 International Safety Management (ISM) Code

3.5 International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code

3.6 International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)

3.7 International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code

3.8 International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) (chemical tankers to which the IBC Code applies);

3.9 Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) (chemical tankers to which the BCH Code applies);

3.10 International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) (gas carriers to which the IGC Code applies);

3.11 International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) (ships to which the Polar Code applies)

3.12 Publications required by the ITU Radio Regulations

(Ships fitted with GMDSS installations). The latest ITU publications required by the Radio Regulations appropriate to the ship's radio installation, including, as applicable:

3.12.1 List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments (List V);

3.12.2 List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations (List IV);

3.12.3 Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services (Maritime Manual).

3.13 Publications relating to compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

3.13.1 Maritime Labour Convention, 2006;

3.13.2 Accident Prevention on Board Ship at Sea and in Port;

3.13.3 International Medical Guide for Ships;

3.13.4 Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods.

3.14 Publications required according to the ship type, fuel, area of operation or cargo carried

3.14.1 International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code) (ships carrying grain in bulk);

3.14.2 Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code) (where applicable);

3.14.3 Code for Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011 (2011 TDC Code) (ships carrying timber deck cargoes);

3.14.4 International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code (ships carrying solid bulk cargoes);

3.14.5 Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code) (bulk carriers and terminals involved in loading or unloading solid bulk cargoes);

- 3.14.6 International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on Board Ships (INF Code) (ships carrying INF cargo);
- 3.14.7 International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code (ships carrying dangerous goods in packaged form);
- 3.14.8 IMDG Code Supplement, including the EmS Guide and MFAG, or equivalent official access to the applicable emergency-response and medical information (ships carrying dangerous goods in packaged form, as applicable);
- 3.14.9 International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) (ships to which IGF Code applies);
- 3.14.10 International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011, as amended (2011 ESP Code) (bulk carriers and oil tankers to which ESP Code applies).

4. RECOMMENDED REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are recommended for carriage on board unless otherwise required by the Company's Safety Management System:

- 4.1 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended;
- 4.2 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), as amended;
- 4.3 International Convention on Load Lines, as amended;
- 4.4 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG), as amended;
- 4.5 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention), and the STCW Code, as amended;
- 4.6 International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969;
- 4.7 IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP);
- 4.8 ICS Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operations;
- 4.9 Mariner's Handbook;
- 4.10 Ocean Passages for the World.

5. ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

The Administration accepts statutory publications in either paper or electronic format, provided that the electronic publications are official, appropriate for the ship and its intended voyage or service, and maintained fully up-to-date.

An Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), accepted in accordance with SOLAS chapter V, regulation 19 and the Administration's Circular SOL 007, may be used to satisfy the applicable chart carriage requirements.

Electronic Nautical Publications (ENPs) carried in lieu of paper nautical publications should comply with the recommendations contained in – IMO MSC.1/Circ.1705-Guidelines on the Carriage and Use of Electronic Nautical Publications (ENP) Systems, as may be amended.

The Administration recognizes approved electronic publication systems, including **KR-CON** and **REGS4SHIPS/REGS4YACHTS**, as acceptable electronic publication platforms for carrying statutory publications, subject to the conditions specified by the Administration. Regardless of the format used, all statutory publications carried on board shall be official editions, appropriate for the intended voyage or service, and maintained fully up-to-date.

Annex:

IMO MSC.1/Circ.1705 – Guidelines on the Carriage and Use of Electronic Nautical Publications (ENP) Systems

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GUIDELINES ON CARRIAGE AND USE OF ELECTRONIC NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS (ENP) SYSTEM

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 111th session (13 to 22 May 2026), with a view to promoting safe use of electronic nautical publications, approved the *Guidelines for the carriage and use of electronic nautical publications (ENP) system*, as set out in the annex, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) at its twelfth session (13 to 22 May 2025).

2 The aim of these Guidelines is to provide guidance on the carriage and use of ENP on board, ensuring a standardized implementation of SOLAS regulations V/19.2.1.4 and 19.2.1.5.

3 Member States are invited to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

GUIDELINES FOR THE CARRIAGE AND USE OF ELECTRONIC NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS (ENP) SYSTEM

1 General

1.1 Background

1.1.1 In accordance with SOLAS regulations V/19.2.1.4 and V/27, all ships shall have nautical charts and nautical publications, as defined in SOLAS regulation V/2.2, to plan and display the ship's route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage. SOLAS regulation V/19.2.1.5 allows electronic means to partly or fully fulfil the functional requirements of SOLAS regulation V/19.2.1.4, provided that there are appropriate back-up arrangements.

1.1.2 In this regard, the *IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships* (MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2) expressly state that "publications may be carried in the form of electronic media such as CD-ROM in lieu of hard copies". Therefore, Electronic Nautical Publications (hereinafter referred to as ENP) may be used as a means to meet the carriage requirement of nautical publications.

1.2 Purpose

1.2.1 This document provides guidelines for the carriage and use of ENP system on board in order to unify the implementation of SOLAS regulations V/19.2.1.4, V/19.2.1.5 and V/27.

1.2.2 If the contents of nautical publications are provided by the ship's Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS), this document should not apply to such ECDIS equipment and does not override any ECDIS performance standards requirements.

1.2.3 Additionally, any instruction and/or guidance from national hydrographic offices or the ship's flag State, if any, should be adhered to.

1.3 Definitions

1.3.1 *Nautical publication* or *nautical chart* means a special-purpose map or book, or a specially compiled database from which such a map or book is derived, that is issued officially by or on the authority of a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institution, which:

- .1 is designed to meet the requirements of marine navigation;
- .2 is to be used on board to plan the ship's route for the intended voyage and to monitor positions throughout the voyage; and
- .3 may include sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage.

1.3.2 *Electronic Nautical Publication (ENP)* means a nautical publication which is in an electronic form.

1.3.3 An *ENP system* means a system and equipment, including hardware, software, and the ENP, on which electronic nautical publications are installed, displayed, accessed and updated.

2 Requirements on system and carriage

2.1 Publications included in ENP and issuing authority

An ENP should be issued officially by or on the authority of a Government, authorized hydrographic office, or other relevant government institution in accordance with SOLAS regulation V/2.2.

2.2 Hardware and software

2.2.1 The ENP system should meet the data format and processing requirements of the ENP.

2.2.2 Type approval for the ENP system is not required; however, the ENP system should not interfere with the operation of other navigation and radiocommunication equipment, and electromagnetic compatibility with other systems should be taken into account*.

2.2.3 Where the ENP system is to be used to run other software applications to support the ship's operations, it should be checked to ensure that there is no conflict between these and the software for ENP.

2.3 Power supply

As the ENP system should be available at all times during the voyage, the power should be supplied from the ship's main source of electrical power and also its emergency source of electrical power. However, if the ENP system has a built-in battery for portable devices, it is sufficient for the charging facilities to be supplied from both the ship's main source of electrical power and the emergency source of electrical power. The installation and use of a built-in battery or an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) is recommended, in order to eliminate fluctuations in the ship's main supply that would cause an interruption to the ENP system.

2.4 Display

The size and resolution of the screen of an ENP system should provide a clear display of navigation information. A minimum screen size of 10 inches (diagonal) is recommended. Also, when used on the navigation bridge, the screen should be able to be adjusted in brightness and contrast to enable viewing in all ambient light conditions. Especially for use in darkness, the brightness of the screen and keyboard, as applicable, should not adversely affect the night vision of the bridge watch personnel.

2.5 Location of ENP system

Nautical publications are required for voyage planning and should also be easily accessible by the master and officers of the watch at all times during the voyage. Therefore, the ENP system should be located in close proximity to the navigation bridge.

* Refer to resolution A.813(19).

2.6 Backup arrangement

2.6.1 In accordance with SOLAS regulation V/19.2.1.5, an appropriate backup arrangement for the ENP system should be provided. The backup arrangement may be a secondary ENP system or official hard copies of nautical publications. If a secondary ENP system is provided as a backup arrangement, it should also satisfy all requirements in these guidelines.

2.6.2 If it is not possible to locate the backup arrangement in, or in the vicinity of, the navigation bridge, it may be located at another location easily accessible to officers of the watch.

2.6.3 In case the hard copies of nautical publications are provided as a backup arrangement, they should be issued officially by or on the authority of a Government, authorized hydrographic office, or other relevant government institution in accordance with SOLAS regulation V/2.2.

3 Requirements on operation

3.1 Update

In accordance with SOLAS regulation V/27, ENP, for both the primary and backup arrangements, should have a facility for updating information at least at the same interval as that provided in any hard copies of nautical publications. Nautical publications used for backup should remain updated at all times. A record of updates should be kept on board.

3.2 System malfunctions

The procedure for troubleshooting in case of a malfunction of the ENP system should be provided onboard. In the event of a serious malfunction which cannot be resolved by the ship's crew, repairs or remote support by shore personnel should be carried out as soon as possible. If immediate repair is not possible for both the primary and backup ENP systems, all data and information, which can be acquired from nautical publications necessary to sail to a port where repairs can be made, should be provided from the shoreside.

3.3 Familiarization

The crew using the ENP system should be familiarized on board with these guidelines and user manuals, if provided, to ensure that the ship's master and officers of the watch are able to use and maintain the ENP safely and effectively.

3.4 Cyber risk management

3.4.1 Cyber risk management procedures should be implemented to protect the primary and back-up ENP systems (including a network system, if used) against cyber threats.

3.4.2 It should be possible for the user to verify that ENP is authentic in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of these Guidelines. This functionality should allow users to confirm that the data was issued by the relevant authority or data producer.

4 Documented procedures for operation

A documented procedure, which can be part of the ship's Safety Management System, for using and managing the ENP and ENP system should be provided on board, including but not limited to:

- instructions for use;
- maintenance procedures, including in case of an ENP system malfunction;
- periodical updates;
- backup arrangements and their management; and
- familiarization.

5 References

- MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2 – *IMO requirements on carriage of publications on board ships*
- MSC.1/Circ.891 – *Guidelines for on board use and application of computers*
- MSC.1/Circ.982 – *Guidelines on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout*
- MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3, as revised – *Guidelines on maritime cyber risk management*
