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Sub.: Installation of voyage data recorded on Indian Ships – reg.

1. The requirement of installing Voyage Data Recorders (VDRs), Simplified Voyage Data Recorders (S-VDRs) on ships is provided at Regulation 20 of Chapter V of the SOLAS Convention.
2. The Directorate General of Shipping has issued several Nautical Wing Circulars in the matter, as follows:
 - 2.1 NT/NAV/01/2006 dated 22.03.2006 (F. No. 39-NT(20)/2005) – Installation of Voyage Data Recorders on Indian Ships.
 - 2.2 NT/NAV/01/2009 dated 08.04.2009 (F. No. 54-NT(1)/2007-PT) – Installation of Voyage Data Recorders on Indian Ships.
 - 2.3 NT/NAV/01/2011 dated 16.03.2011 (F. No. 39-NT(20)/2005) – Installation of Simplified Voyage Data Recorder (S-VDR) on Indian passenger vessels and cargo vessels plying on the coast of India.
 - 2.4 Nautical Wing – Navigation Circular No. 1 of 2015 dated 14.05.2015 (F. No. 14-NT(4)/2007-pt) – Annual performance test of VDR/S-VDR.
3. The performance standards of voyage data recorders (VDRs) installed on or after 1st July, 2014 are required to conform to the requirements specified in MSC.333(90). However, if the VDR has been installed before 1st July, 2014, it must conform to the requirements specified in IMO Resolution A.861(20), as amended by resolution MSC.214(81).
4. The performance standards of Simplified Voyage Data Recorders (S-VDRs) shall comply with the requirements specified in MSC.163(78).
5. The VDRs & S-VDRs shall be subject to annual performance test by an approved testing or servicing facility to verify the accuracy, duration, and recoverability of the recorded data.
6. Taking into consideration the revised standards adopted at IMO with regard to VDRs and noting the requirement under the SOLAS Convention, the requirement of additional float free capsule to the VDRs is hereby dispensed with and the circulars NT/NAV/01/2006 dated 22.03.2006 (F. No. 39-NT(20)/2005); NT/NAV/01/2009 dated 08.04.2009 (F. No. 54-NT(1)/2007-PT); and Navigation Circular No. 1 of 2015 dated 14.05.2015 (F. No. 14-NT(4)/2007-pt) are withdrawn.

7. Simplified Voyage Data Recorders shall continue to be fitted on Indian passenger vessels and cargo vessels plying on the coast of India as required by para 4 of Nautical Wing Circular No. NT Wing Circular NT/NAV/01/2011 dated 16.03.2011 (F. No. 39-NT(20)/2005) as follows:

- 7.1 All passenger ships up to 500 passenger carrying capacity, except passenger vessels carrying less than 50 passengers and plying only during day light hours.
- 7.2 All cargo vessels, or any other Special Purpose Ships (SPS), Dredgers and Offshore Supply Vessels (OSVs) above 3000 GT plying on the coast of India.

Accordingly, the Nautical Wing Circular No. NT Wing Circular NT/NAV/01/2011 dated 16.03.2011 (F. No. 39-NT(20)/2005) is also hereby withdrawn.

8. This is issued with the approval of the Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India.



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