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FROM: NOVAVERITAS NV TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

TO: to all NV Surveyors & Auditors and technical personnel

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SUBJECT: SOLAS AMENDMENTS – ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display and Information System)

A) INTRODUCTION

According to SOLAS Amendments 1st Jan 2011, (SOLAS Chapter V Reg. 19), new and existing cargo and passenger ships are required to have ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display and Information System) as mandatory navigational equipment. For some of the vessels application of this regulation is effective during this year and for remaining vessels, it will be effective during 2016-2018.

B) APPLICABILITY

The applicability according to type, date of construction and tonnage is as listed below:

- 1) Tankers of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before 1 July 2012, not later than the first survey on or after 1 July 2015
- 2) Cargo ships, other than tankers, of 50,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before 1 July 2013, not later than the first survey on or after 1 July 2016
- 3) Cargo ships, other than tankers, of 20,000 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 50,000 gross tonnage constructed before 1 July 2013, not later than the first survey on or after 1 July 2017
- 4) Cargo ships, other than tankers, of 10,000 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 20,000 gross tonnage constructed before 1 July 2013, not later than the first survey on or after 1 July 2018.

Passenger ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards and tankers of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed on or after 1 July 2012, cargo ships, other than tankers, of 10,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed on or after 1 July 2013, cargo ships-other than tankers, of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 10,000 gross tonnage constructed on or after 1 July 2014 and passenger ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before 1 July 2012 should be complying with this requirements by now.

Administrations may exempt ships from the application of the requirements when such ships will be taken permanently out of service within two years after the implementation date specified above. Please refer to [IMO Resolution MSC.282 \(86\)](#) for more information.

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