

ASSUNTO: Use of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS)

SUBJECT:

Addressed to: Owners, Companies, Recognized Organizations, Flag inspectors and PSC authorities

Circular Letter nº 03/2014

Considering the amendments to the regulation SOLAS/V/19 on the carriage of ECDIS contained in Resolution MSC.282(86);

Considering that the Portuguese legislation does not establish any additional requirements for ECDIS than the ones contained in the SOLAS convention;

Considering also that in the Portuguese legislation there is no impediment to the carriage of ECDIS by ships other than the ones to which the regulation SOLAS/V/19.10 applies, as well as to the dates therein referred;

The Portuguese Maritime Administration advises all parties that:

1. The Portuguese flagged ships must comply with the requirements of SOLAS/V/19.10 on carriage of ECDIS, as applicable;
2. The ECDIS installed on board Portuguese flagged ships must comply with the applicable requirements and standards as established in Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC (also known as M.E.D. 96/98/EC) to be accepted as satisfying the chart carriage requirement of regulation SOLAS/V/19.2.1.4;
3. Other vessels than the ones which are obliged to carry ECDIS, as per SOLAS/V/19.10, may also choose to install ECDIS to comply with chart carriage requirements, as long as the systems comply with the requirements mentioned in paragraph 2.

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