Electrical Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS)

Amended Guidance

Guidance for Safety Equipment

Reason for Amendment

At the 81st Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 81) held in May 2006, the IMO began considering making the installation of Electrical Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) mandatory as a way to prevent marine accidents such as collisions and grounding, etc.

The deliberations continued until the 86th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 86) held in June 2009 where an amendment to the SOLAS Convention Chapter V related to the installation of ECDIS was adopted as Resolution MSC.282(86). This new amendment is scheduled to take affect in stages from 1 July 2012.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with Resolution MSC.282(86).

Outline of Amendment

Requirements regarding the installing of ECDIS have been specified.