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## Shipping Guidance Notice – 070(a)

### Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS)

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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master's, Classification Societies and Recognised Organisations

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The purpose of this Guidance Notice, is to clarify Gibraltar Maritime Administration's requirements in relation to the carriage and use of electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) systems on Gibraltar Registered ships.

All ships irrespective of size shall in accordance with SOLAS 2009 Amend / Chapter V / Reg. 19.2.1.4, have nautical charts and nautical publications to plan and display the ship's route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage. An ECDIS is also accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of this subparagraph.

Gibraltar registered ships to which SOLAS 2009 Amend / Chapter V / Reg. 19.2.10 applies, shall comply with the carriage requirements for ECDIS detailed therein.

ECDIS systems installed on Gibraltar registered ships must conform to the applicable performance standards as detailed within the revised performance standards adopted by Resolution MSC.232(82).

Those ships to which SOLAS 2009 Amend / Chapter V / Reg. 19.2.10 carriage requirements apply, are not required to hold a formal letter of approval for the use of ECDIS issued by the Administration.

Ships that do not fall under the carriage requirements of SOLAS 2009 Amend / Chapter V / Reg. 19.2.10, if installed with ECDIS as meeting the requirements of SOLAS 2009 Amend / Chapter V / Reg. 19.2.1.4, shall comply with the applicable revised performance standards as described within Resolution MSC.232(82). Providing the ECDIS system meets the applicable performance standards, a formal letter of approval for the use of ECDIS issued by the Administration is not required.

There are still risks associated when used in the Raster Chart Display System mode (RCDS), and in this respect, ships are to take the guidance provided within MGN 285 as amended into account.

The owners/operators of ships fitted with ECDIS shall ensure that relevant procedures for the use of ECDIS are implemented into the Safety management System (SMS).

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