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SOLAS V/19 - Carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment

V/19.2.1 All ships irrespective of size shall have:
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V/19.2.1.4 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 Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) may be accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of this subparagraph;
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V/19.2.1.5 back-up arrangements to meet the functional requirements of subparagraph .4, if this function is partly or fully fulfilled by electronic means;
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SOLAS V/18 - Approval and surveys of navigational systems and equipment, and performance standards
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- V/18.2 Navigational systems and equipment, including associated back-up arrangements, ..... to perform the functional requirements of this chapter shall conform to appropriate performance standards not inferior to those adopted by the Organization *

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SOLAS V/2 – Definitions

V/2.2: Nautical chart or nautical publication is a special-purpose map or book, or a specially compiled database from which such a map or book is derived, that is issued officially by or on the authority of a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institution and is designed to meet the requirements of marine navigation*.

* Refer to appropriate resolutions and recommendations of the International Hydrographic Organization concerning the authority and responsibilities of coastal States in the provision of charting in accordance with regulation 9.
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SOLAS V/9 - *provision of hydrographic services*

V/9.1 Contracting Governments undertake to arrange for the *collection and compilation of hydrographic data and the publication, dissemination and keeping up to date of all nautical information necessary for safe navigation*
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UN Resolution A/58/240

“Invites the International Hydrographic Organization and the International Maritime Organization to continue their coordinated efforts, to jointly adopt measures with a view to encouraging greater international cooperation and coordination for the transition to electronic nautical charts and to increase coverage of hydrographic information on a global basis, especially in areas of international navigation and ports and where there are vulnerable or protected marine areas.”
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IMO Resolution A.958(23)

“Invites Governments, in addition to their existing obligations under SOLAS Regulation V/9, to promote through their national maritime administrations, the use of ECDIS together with the use and further production of official ENCs.”
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