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**NATIONAL MARITIME POLICIES  
UNDER REGULATIONS V/19 AND V/27 OF THE SOLAS CONVENTION**

Dear Hydrographer,

The 25<sup>th</sup> North Sea Hydrographic Commission (NSHC) which was held in Gothenburg in Sweden in September, tasked the IHB to consult with the IMO in order to investigate whether States are obliged to report to IMO their National Maritime Policy on equivalent arrangements (ECDIS and digital nautical publications) accepted under Regulations V/19 and V/27 of the SOLAS Convention.

IMO has responded to this request and indicates that there is such a requirement in accordance with Regulation I/5 of the SOLAS Convention. IMO receives the accepted equivalent arrangements from States and then circulates them to other Contracting Governments for information.

Member States are requested to advise their National Maritime Administrations to send notification to the IMO and also to inform the IHB of their National Maritime Policy on accepted equivalent arrangements under SOLAS Regulations V/19 and V/27.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

*(original signed)*

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President