

Subject:

Means to Supply Heading Information
to Emergency Steering Position

NK TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

Reference is made to the NK TECHNICAL INFORMATION No. 25 dated 26 October, 1984. The interpretations and guidances regarding the subject shown in the above-mentioned NK TECHNICAL INFORMATION should now be replaced with the followings, incorporating those special ones recently instructed by the governments of Bahamas, Liberia and Singapore.

Interpretations and Guidances on Means to Supply Heading Information to Emergency Steering Positions, required in Regulation 12(f), Chapter V of 74/78 SOLAS

81 Amendments

1. "emergency steering position" is any position from where the steering gear may be operated other than the normal or primary steering position on navigating bridge.
2. "means to supply heading information to emergency steering position" should be as prescribed in the following table according to the ship's flag.

Flag	Interpretations / Guidances
General	Either a gyro repeater or a magnetic compass (a portable magnetic compass may be accepted.) which is of type approved should be provided in the emergency steering positions to supply heading information there. In case where gyro repeater solution is taken, a gyro repeater may, however, not necessarily be fixed at the emergency steering positions provided that wiring arrangement is made between the navigating bridge and emergency steering positions and it is readily available at the emergency steering positions in case of emergency.
Bahamian	1) For new ships* the above guidance for "General" should be applied except that, in case where gyro repeater solution is taken, a gyro repeater should be placed permanently at the emergency steering positions. 2) For existing ships* telephone between the navigating bridge and the steering positions is acceptable as an alternative of the arrangement referred to in above 1).

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Greek	The guidance for "General" should be applied except that, in case where gyro repeater solution is taken, a gyro repeater should be placed permanently at the emergency steering position.
Liberian	The guidance for "General" should be applied except that, in case where magnetic compass solution is taken, a only platform or means to fit, in case of emergency, the magnetic compass normally carried on a ship's lifeboat is required.
Singapore	Until a final guidance is established by the government, some kind of voice communicating system between the navigating bridge and the steering positions is acceptable as an alternative of a magnetic compass or a gyro repeater.

*New ship: A ship constructed on or after 1 September, 1984

Existing ship: A ship which is not a new ship
