

Subject:

Automatic radar plotting aids (ARPA)
fitted on board non-Japanese flag
ships

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To Shipowners concerned

Under Reg.V/12(j)(ii) of 81 Amendments to SOLAS 74, ARPAs fitted prior to 1 September 1984 which are not of a type approved by the Administration may be used on board until 31 December 1990 but no longer after that date.

In this regard, those ARPAs should be in principle replaced with those of a type approved by the Administration. However, continuous use on or after 1 January 1991 may be accepted at the discretion of the Administration under Reg.V/12(j)(iii)/(r), if the shipowners contact the flag Governments for this exemption with explaining circumstances of each ship.

For your information, we have so far received from the Governments of Liberia, Panama, Singapore and Vanuatu their instructions that those ARPAs may continue to be used on board on or after 1 January 1991, in case where a certificate confirming that they are fully in compliance with IMO Res. A.422(XI) is obtained from the manufacturers.

Taking into account the above, you are kindly requested to take appropriate measures by 1 January 1991.

It is requested to take note that this Society will only be able to issue a conditional short term certificate with a validity of 2 months at a renewal survey for a safety radio certificate to be held on or after 1 January 1991, when it is found that appropriate measures have not been taken.

