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CLARIFICATION OF SOLAS
REGULATIONS IV/6.1, IV/6.2.2 AND IV/10.1.1.3

The Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications (COM 38/27, paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.3) at its thirty-eighth session agreed the clarifications of SOLAS regulations IV/6.1, IV/6.2.2 and IV/10.1.1.3 attached, and pending consideration of the proposed clarifications by the Committee, instructed the Secretariat to bring them to the attention of the Member Governments as advance information.

Member Governments are advised that equipment which already been approved by an Administration should not be required to be replaced because of these clarifications.

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ANNEXClarification of SOLAS Regulations IV/6.1 and IV/6.2.2

Ancillary equipment, such as scramblers and automatic telephone equipment etc., may be connected to the required GMDSS equipment, provided that any such connection is made in such a way that the prescribed GMDSS functions will be fully restored immediately at the normal or abnormal termination of the operation of the connected ancillary equipment.

Clarification of SOLAS Regulation IV/10.1.1.3

In determining the capability of a ship for maintaining watch for shore-to-ship distress alerts directed to specifically defined geographical areas, ships that operate exclusively within range of NAVTEX stations and which can be alerted by individual calling, should not need to carry a separate EGC receiver in order to comply with regulation IV/10.1.1.3.