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UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER V

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (29 November to 8 December 2006), with a view to providing more specific guidance for vague expressions such as “other means”, which are open to different interpretations contained in IMO instruments, approved the unified interpretations of SOLAS chapter V prepared by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed unified interpretations as guidance when applying relevant provisions of SOLAS chapter V to construction, installation, arrangements and equipment to be installed on board ships on or after 1 July 2007 and to bring the unified interpretations to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX**UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER V****Regulation V/19.2.5.1 – Shipborne navigational equipment and systems**

A gyrocompass can be fitted, as the “other means” mentioned in regulation V/19.2.2.1, to comply with that regulation. However, this gyrocompass:

- cannot be credited to fulfil regulation V/19.2.5.1; and
 - shall be fed by both main and emergency power supply and, in addition, it shall be provided with a transitional source of power (e.g. a battery).
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