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**Subject: Principles relating to bridge design, design and arrangement  
of navigational systems and equipment and bridge procedures**

With reference to the above subject, I wish to inform you the following.

The MSC. Circ. 982 titled "Guidelines on Ergonomic Criteria for Bridge Equipment and Layout" which is mentioned in the 2001 SOLAS consolidated edition, Ch. V, Reg. 15 as a footnote, is not considered to be a part of the national or the international maritime legislation, therefore the application of the MSC. Circ. 982 is not mandatory.

However, you are urged to use as a reference the above mentioned guidelines and any subsequent amendments thereof, during the design and approval stage of new ships and existing ships undergoing substantial modifications, in the context of regulation 15 of chapter V of SOLAS 1974 as amended.

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