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Attn.: Authorized Surveyors

Radio Companies & Radio Technician

Shipowners

Ship Managers

Subject: Regulation 18.8 of SOLAS Chapter V "Approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorder".

Dear Sirs,

Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. presents you great respect.

For compliance to SOLAS Chapter V "Approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorder" Regulation 18.8, Radio companies and Radio Technician, which are conducting annual performance test for VDR or S-VDR on board of vessels certificated by Venezuelan Register of Shipping, should issue a "Certificate of Compliance" for VDR or S-VDR. The Annual performance test as well Certificate of compliance for VDR or S-VDR should be placed on board of ships. Kindly find attached Template of Certificate of Compliance, which should be issued by Approved Radio Company or Radio Technician during performance of annual testing of VDR or S-VDR.

Kindly find below text of SOLAS Convention, Chapter V, Reg. 18.8:

The Voyage Data Recorder System, including all sensors, shall be subjected to an annual performance test. The test shall be conducted by an approved testing or servicing facility to verify the accuracy, duration and recoverability of the recorded data. In addition, tests and inspections shall be conducted to determine the serviceability of all protective enclosures and devices fitted to aid location. A copy of the certificate of compliance issued by the testing facility, stating the date of compliance and the applicable performance standards, shall be retained on board the ship.

Kindly be guided accordingly.

Yours faithfully.

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