



GUIDELINES ON ANNUAL TESTING OF VOYAGE DATA RECORDERS (VDR) AND SIMPLIFIED VOYAGE DATA RECORDERS (S-VDR)

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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships and all parties concerned.

This circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned parties that the annual performance test required by Reg 18.8 of Chapter V of SOLAS 74 shall be carried out in accordance with the standard method of testing set out in the Annex of IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1222 dated 11 December 2006 and shall be recorded in the form of a model test report given in the appendix to the IMO Circular.

Voyage Data Recorder (VDR), including the Simplified Voyage Data Recorder (S-VDR), required to be fitted on board a ship by Regulation 20 (Voyage Data Recorders) of Chapter V of SOLAS 74 is subjected to an annual performance test stipulated in Reg 18.8 of Chapter V. The purpose of the annual performance test is to determine that the VDR/S-VDR is operational as defined in the manufacturer's specification.

2. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has issued a set of guidelines on the annual testing of voyage data recorders and simplified voyage data recorders in a circular, MSC.1/Circ.1222 dated 11 December 2006, as a standard method of testing as detailed in the annex to the circular.

3. The circular also prescribes the form for the test report in the appendix in which the annual test should be recorded.

4. A copy of circular MSC.1/Circ.1222 (Guidelines on Annual Testing of Voyage Data Recorders (VDR) and Simplified Voyage Data Recorders (S-VDR)) can be found in our website under "Circulars & Notices > Shipping Notices" at: [msc-circ1222.pdf](#)

5. Shipowners, shipmanagers, shipping-agents, masters and officers of Singapore ships and all parties concerned are to take note that the annual performance test required by Reg 18.8 of Chapter V of SOLAS 74 should be carried out in accordance with the standard method of testing set out in the Annex of IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1222 dated 11 December 2006 and should be recorded in the form of a model test report given in the appendix to the IMO Circular.

6. In connection with this Shipping Circular, please refer to our earlier Shipping Circular No. 9 of 2006 dated 24 April 2006 on Annual Performance Test for Voyage Data Recorder which can be found in our website under "Circulars & Notices > Shipping Notices" at: [sc06-09](#)

7. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr. Tan Leong Beng at Tel No. 6375 6207.

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