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## Voyage Data Recorder (VDR) interface exemptions for existing vessels.

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### Message

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

United Kingdom.

#### 3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

#### 3. Originating Department

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

#### 4. Notification Number

2002/0470/UK – V00T

#### 5. Title

Voyage Data Recorder (VDR) interface exemptions for existing vessels.



## 6. Products Concerned

Voyage Data Recorder.

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

Marine Equipment Directive 2002/75/EC. Directive 1999/35/EC Article 4(1) (d). Directive 2002/59/EC Article 10. IEC 61996.

## 8. Main Content

EU Council Directive 1999/35/EC requires Voyage Data Recorders (VDR) to be fitted to ships operating regular services to or from ports of member States on international voyages.

a) On existing ships, it may not be technically possible to connect all the equipment required the IMO Regulation to the VDR and this draft seeks to specify how exemption requests should be addressed.

b) National Administrations encouraged operators to equip vessels with “development” versions of VDRs to gain experience in the operation and specification of such devices. These Administrations are now concerned that the Directive 2002/59/EC has not recognised the existence of these devices some of which now fall short of the full performance standard but may, in the opinion of the Administration, provide adequate functionality. It is proposed that these devices may, on an individual ship basis, be granted equivalence for the purposes of Council Directive 2002/59/EC.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Member States require a common basis on which to determine the granting (or otherwise) of an exemption.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Chapter V, Regulation 20, Council Directive 1999/35/EC, Council Directive 2002/75/EC.

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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## 13. Confidentiality

NO

## 14. Fiscal measures

NO



## 15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment is attached.

## 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT and SPS Aspects

TBT Aspect: No

SPS Aspect: No

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