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INTRODUCTION

Chapter V of the 1974 SOLAS Convention requires mandatory carriage of Automatic Identification System (AIS) equipment on all vessels constructed on or after 01 July 2002. Implementation for other types and sizes of SOLAS Convention vessels was required to be completed not later than 31 December 2004.

SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19, section 2.4.5 states that AIS shall:

- a) provide automatically to appropriate equipped shore stations, other ships and aircraft information, including ship's identity, type, position, course, speed, navigational status and other safety-related information;
- b) receive automatically such information from similarly fitted ships;
- c) monitor and track ships; and
- d) exchange data with shore-based facilities.

In addition, the IMO Performance Standards for AIS states that:

- The AIS should improve the safety of navigation by assisting in the efficient navigation of ships, protection of the environment, and operation of Vessel Traffic Services (VTS), by satisfying the following functional requirements:
 - 1) in a ship-to-ship mode for collision avoidance;
 - 2) as a means for littoral States to obtain information about a ship and its cargo; and
 - 3) as a VTS tool, i. e. ship-to-shore (traffic management).
- The AIS should be capable of providing to ships and to competent authorities, information from the ship, automatically and with the required accuracy and frequency, to facilitate accurate tracking. Transmission of the data should be with the minimum involvement of ship's personnel and with a high level of availability.

The provision of Shore Based AIS will be necessary to attain the full benefit of the SOLAS Convention requirements.

This standard provides the minimum operational and performance requirements, methods of test and the required test results for AIS repeater stations. The testing is divided into two parts, the logical tests and the transceiver tests. These are captured in Clause 6 and Clause 8 respectively.

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Part 3: Repeater stations – Minimum operational and performance requirements – Methods of test and required test results

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62320 specifies the minimum operational and performance requirements, methods of testing and required test results for AIS repeater stations, compatible with the performance standards adopted by IMO Res. MSC.74 (69), annex 3, Universal AIS. It incorporates the technical characteristics of non-shipborne, fixed station AIS equipment, included in Recommendation ITU-R M.1371 and IALA Recommendation A-124. Where applicable, it also takes into account the ITU Radio Regulations. This standard takes into account other associated IEC International Standards and existing national standards, as applicable.

This standard is applicable for AIS repeater stations. It does not include specifications for the display of AIS data on shore.

2 Normative references

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ITU-R Recommendation M.1371, *Technical characteristics for a universal shipborne automatic identification system using time division multiple access in the VHF maritime mobile band*

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