



12th South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission Conference

**IMO VOLUNTARY MEMBER STATE AUDIT
SCHEME
(VIMSAS)**

Purpose

to determine to what extent Member States are implementing and enforcing the applicable mandatory IMO instruments



Ten mandatory IMO instruments included in Scheme,

covering:

- Safety of Life at Sea
- Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping
- Load Lines
- Tonnage Measurement of Ships
- Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea



Coastal State responsibilities and obligations

SOLAS 1974 regulation V/9 – Hydrographic services:

1. collection and compilation of hydrographic data and the publication, dissemination and keeping up to date of all nautical information necessary for safe navigation;
2. co-operate in carrying out the following nautical and hydrographic services:
 - hydrographic surveying
 - issue nautical charts, sailing directions, lists of lights, tide tables and other nautical publications
 - promulgate notices to mariners



3. ensure the greatest possible uniformity in charts and nautical publications and to take into account, whenever possible, relevant international resolutions and recommendations
4. co-ordinate activities to the greatest possible degree



Example findings related to hydrographic services

Non-conformities

Example

... the State has not undertaken to arrange for the collection and compilation of hydrographical data and the publication, dissemination and updating of all nautical information necessary for safe navigation

... arrangements are not in place to ensure the uniformity of charts and nautical publications with relevant international recommendations and there is a lack of coordination of the activities of the State to ensure that hydrographical and nautical information is made available in a timely, reliable and unambiguous way (SOLAS 1974, regulation V/9; Code, Part 3, paragraph 47)



The future

Planned to be mandatory in 2015



