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Guidance on electronic deck and engine-room log books on Norwegian ships and mobile offshore units

Introduction

This Circular supersedes RSV 13-2026 and has been revised to include mobile offshore units.

In recent years, the number of applications for approval of electronic logbooks has increased, and the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) has found it necessary to establish procedures to ensure uniform and systematic follow-up.

The requirement to keep a deck log book and an engine-room log book follows from the Regulations of 15 September 1992 No. 693 on the form and keeping of log books for ships and mobile offshore units. Section 5 of the Regulations provides that electronic log books are considered equivalent to paper log books, provided that the installation and system comply with applicable international requirements and that the relevant enterprise has entered into an agreement with the NMA.

This Circular provides guidance on the international provisions and standards relevant to satisfying the requirements set out in section 5, as well as on the installation and use on board.

Legislation

- Regulations of 15 September 1992 No. 693 on the form and keeping of log books for ships and mobile offshore units, which implements SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 28 into Norwegian law.

Relevant international provisions and standards

- IMO Resolution A.916(22), *Guidelines for the Recording of Events related to Navigation*
- ISO Standard 21745, *Electronic Record Books for Ships – Technical Specifications and Operational Requirements*

Manufacturers seeking an agreement with the NMA

The term “enterprise” in section 5 refers to the manufacturer of electronic log books. Manufacturers supplying systems that has been type-approved by a recognised classification society on the basis of the legislation, international provisions and standards referred to in this Circular shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement to have an agreement with the NMA, cf. section 5.

Where type approval has been granted by a recognised classification society, the relevant documentation shall be retained on board and made available for inspection upon request.

Approvals granted prior to the issuance of this Circular remain unaffected.

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Display requirements

For displays installed or used on the bridge, reference is made to the requirements set out in the Regulations of 5 September 2014 No. 1157 on navigational aids for ships, etc., section 13 first paragraph.

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