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Dear Captain
Good Day,

The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO at its ninety eighth session approved “ The unified interpretation of the provisions of SOLAS relating to the annual testing of the VDR, S-VDR, AIS and EPIRB” in order to use as guidance when applying SOLAS regulations V/18.8, V/18.9 and IV/15.9 by all parties concerned.

As of 1st July 2017, the annual performance test of Voyage Data Recorders (VDRs), Simplified Voyage Data Recorders (S-VDRs), Automatic Identification Systems (AISs) and Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) **SHALL** be carried out within the “time window” of the annual / periodical surveys (3 months before or after each anniversary date of the cargo ship safety equipment certificate, the cargo ship safety radio certificate or the cargo ship safety certificate) and the renewal survey (3 months before the expiry date of the cargo ship safety equipment certificate, the cargo ship safety radio certificate, the cargo ship safety certificate or the passenger ship safety certificate unless the relevant certificate had been extended) under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), but not later than the date of completion of the survey for endorsement / renewal of the relevant certificate.

Based on above, pls coordinate with your relevant SM department for timely testing of the mentioned equipment accordingly.

You are requested to confirm receipt , discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board and keep a copy in the DA-11 file .

Best Regards,

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