

# SC 203 Carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment

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## Regulation

SOLAS regulation V/19.2.2.1 reads “2.2 All ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards and passenger ships irrespective of size shall, in addition to the requirements of paragraph 2.1, be fitted with:

*.1 a spare magnetic compass interchangeable with the magnetic compass, as referred to in paragraph 2.1.1, or other means to perform the function referred to in paragraph 2.1.1 by means of replacement or duplicate equipment;*

SOLAS regulation V/19.2.5.1 reads “2.5 All ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph 2.3 with the exception of paragraphs 2.3.3 and 2.3.5, and the requirements of paragraph 2.4, have:

*.1 a gyro compass, or other means, to determine and display their heading by shipborne non-magnetic means and to transmit heading information for input to the equipment referred in paragraphs 2.3.2, 2.4 and 2.5.5;*

## Interpretation

A gyrocompass can be fitted, as the "other means" mentioned in regulation V/19.2.2.1, to comply with that regulation. However, this gyrocompass:

- cannot be credited to fulfill regulation V/19.2.5.1; and
- shall be fed by both main and emergency power supply and, in addition, it shall be provided with a transitional source of power (e.g. a battery).

(MSC.1/Circ. 1224)

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### Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be applied by all Members and Associate on ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January, 2007.

2. The “contracted for construction” date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of “contract for construction”, refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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