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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATIONS V/18.8, V/18.9 AND IV/15.9  
(Annual testing of VDR, S-VDR, AIS and EPIRB)**

**SOLAS regulation V/18.8 - Annual performance test of Voyage Data Recorder (VDR) and Simplified Voyage Data Recorder (S-VDR)**

**Interpretation**

The annual performance test of VDR (or S-VDR) shall be carried out within the "time window" of the annual / periodical / renewal survey 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.

**SOLAS regulation V/18.9 - Annual performance test of Automatic Identification System (AIS)**

**Interpretation**

The annual performance test of the Automatic Identification System (AIS) shall be carried out within the "time window" of the annual / periodical / renewal survey 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.

**SOLAS regulation IV/15.9 - Annual test of EPIRB**

**Interpretation**

The annual test of the EPIRBs shall be carried out within the "time window" of the prescribed survey, but not later than the date of completion of the survey for endorsement / renewal of the relevant Certificate.

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