



## TECHNICAL CIRCULARS

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**TO SHIP OWNER/SHIP MANAGER/INTERESTED PARTIES**

### Shipborne Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) Operation in Malaysian Waters

1. Marine Department Malaysia (MARDEP) through Malaysia Shipping Notice [MSN 05/2019](#), has informed on the requirement of shipborne automatic identification System (AIS) for vessels sailing within Malaysian waters which fall under Regulation 19, Chapter V – Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974.
2. Table provided define the categories of vessel that require the installation of AIS.

Voyage	Gross Tonnage (GT)	AIS Type
International	Cargo ship 150 - 299 GT	Class A/B
	Cargo ship $\geq$ 300 GT	Class A
	Passenger ship	Class A
Domestic and Port Limit	Cargo ship 150 – 499 GT	Class A/B
	Cargo ship $\geq$ 500 GT	Class A
	Passenger ship	Class A/B
	Ship operated within Port Limit	Class A/B

3. AIS must be switch on all the times whilst navigating in Malaysia waters. However the master's has the option to switch off their AIS under certain circumstances/conditions. They are required to notify the Malaysian Authority on this matter.

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