

## Marine Notice No. 04 of 2016

*Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishermen,  
Yachtsmen and Seafarers*

### Caution on the use of Unlicensed Electronic Navigational Systems and Software.

The Department wishes to advise of risks inherent in the use of unlicensed electronic navigation systems and cautions against their use. Unlicensed software and electronic charts may contain errors, resulting in inaccuracies in displayed information and indicated vessel position. Such unlicensed software should not be used for navigation purposes.

Vessel operators are reminded of the requirement to carry suitable nautical instruments and adequate and up-to-date charts for their intended voyages. All equipment fitted in compliance with shipborne navigational equipment regulations should be type approved.

The installation and use of unlicensed navigational systems and software on-board commercial vessels may invalidate a vessel's certification and may also lead to the cancellation of a vessel's certificates. If in doubt, vessel owners/operators should confirm with their suppliers that their software is up to date and licensed.

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