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To: All IMO Members
Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life
at Sea, 1974

Subject: **Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life
at Sea, 1974, as amended**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (3 to 12 October 2007) and its eighty-fifth session (26 November to 5 December 2008), approved the draft amendments to chapters II-1, V and VI of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, set out in the annex, for circulation with a view to adoption at its eighty-sixth session (27 May to 5 June 2009).

2 The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, the text of the aforementioned proposed amendments to the Convention, given in the annex, for consideration with the view to adoption by the Committee at its eighty-sixth session, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention.

ANNEX

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

**CHAPTER II-1
CONSTRUCTION – STRUCTURE, SUBDIVISION AND STABILITY, MACHINERY
AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

**Part A-1
Structure of ships**

Regulation 3-5 – New installation of materials containing asbestos

1 In paragraph 2, a full stop is inserted after the word “prohibited” and the following text is deleted.

**Part C
Machinery installations**

Regulation 35-1 – Bilge pumping arrangements

2 The following new paragraph 2.6.3 is added after the existing paragraph 2.6.2:

“2.6.3 Provisions for the drainage of closed vehicle and ro-ro spaces and special category spaces shall also comply with regulations II-2/20.6.1.4 and II-2/20.6.1.5.”

**CHAPTER V
SAFETY OF NAVIGATION**

Regulation 19 – Carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment

3 Paragraph 2.1.4 is replaced by the following:

“4 nautical charts and nautical publications to plan and display the ship’s route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage. An electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) is also accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of this subparagraph. Ships to which paragraph [2.10] applies shall comply with the carriage requirements for ECDIS detailed therein;”

4 In paragraph 2.2, the new subparagraphs .3 and .4 are added after the existing subparagraph .2 as follows:

“3 a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS) complying with standards not inferior to those adopted by the Organization^{*}, as follows:

* Refer to the Performance standards for a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS), adopted by the Organization by means of resolution MSC.128(75).

- .1 ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards and passenger ships irrespective of size constructed on or after [1 July 2011];
- .2 passenger ships irrespective of size constructed before [1 July 2011], not later than the first survey* after [1 July 2012];
- .3 ships of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before [1 July 2011], not later than the first survey* after [1 July 2012];
- .4 ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 3,000 gross tonnage constructed before [1 July 2011], not later than the first survey* after [1 July 2013]; and
- .5 ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 500 gross tonnage constructed before [1 July 2011], not later than the first survey* after [1 July 2014].

The bridge navigational watch alarm system shall be in operation whenever the ship is underway at sea;

- .4 bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS) installed prior to 1 July 2011 may subsequently be exempted from full compliance with such standards at the discretion of the Administration.”
- 5 After the existing paragraph 2.9, the new paragraphs 2.10 and 2.11 are added as follows:

“2.10 Ships engaged on international voyages shall be fitted with an Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) as follows:

- .1 passenger ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards constructed on or after [1 July 2012];
- .2 tankers of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed on or after [1 July 2012];
- .3 cargo ships, other than tankers, of 10,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed on or after [1 July 2013];
- .4 cargo ships, other than tankers, of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 10,000 gross tonnage constructed on or after [1 July 2014];
- .5 passenger ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before [1 July 2012], not later than the first survey* on or after [1 July 2014];
- .6 tankers of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before [1 July 2012], not later than the first survey* on or after [1 July 2015];

* Refer to the Unified interpretation of the term “first survey” referred to in SOLAS regulations (MSC.1/Circ....).

- .7 cargo ships, other than tankers, of 50,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before [1 July 2013], not later than the first survey* on or after [1 July 2016];
- .8 cargo ships, other than tankers, of 20,000 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 50,000 gross tonnage constructed before [1 July 2013], not later than the first survey* on or after [1 July 2017]; and
- .9 cargo ships, other than tankers, of 10,000 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 20,000 gross tonnage constructed before [1 July 2013], not later than the first survey* on or after [1 July 2018].

2.11 Administration may exempt ships from the application of the requirements of paragraph 2.10 when such ships will be taken permanently out of service within two years after the implementation date specified in subparagraphs 2.10.5 to 2.10.9 of paragraph 2.10.”

* Refer to the Unified interpretation of the term “First survey” referred to in SOLAS regulations (MSC.1/Circ....).

CHAPTER VI CARRIAGE OF CARGOES

- 6 The title of chapter VI is replaced by the following:

“CHAPTER VI CARRIAGE OF CARGOES AND OIL FUELS”

Regulation 1 – Application

- 7 At the beginning of paragraph 1, the words “Unless expressly provided otherwise,” are added and the existing word “This” is replaced by the word “this”.

Regulation 5-1 – Material safety data sheets

- 8 The existing text of the regulation is replaced by the following:

“Ships carrying oil or oil fuel, as defined in regulation 1 of Annex 1 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, shall be provided with Material Safety Data Sheets, based on the recommendations developed by the Organization*, prior to the loading of such oil as cargo in bulk or bunkering of oil fuel.”

* Refer to the Recommendation for material safety data sheets (MSDS) for MARPOL Annex I cargoes and marine fuel oils, adopted by the Organization by resolution MSC.150(77), as may be amended.