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to the International Convention
for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974,
as amended

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**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS II-1 AND V OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974¹, AS AMENDED**

CHAPTER II-1

**CONSTRUCTION – SUBDIVISION AND STABILITY, MACHINERY AND
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

Part B – Subdivision and Stability

- 1 The following new regulation 8-3 is added after existing regulation 8-2:

“Regulation 8-3

**Special requirements for passenger ships, other than ro-ro passenger ships, carrying 400
persons or more**

Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 8, passenger ships, other than ro-ro passenger ships, certified to carry 400 persons or more constructed on or after 1 July 2002 shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 of regulation 8, assuming the damage applied anywhere within the ship’s length L”.

CHAPTER V

SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

- 2 The following new regulation 8-2 is added after existing regulation 8-1:

“Regulation 8-2

Vessel traffic services

- 1 Vessel traffic services (VTS) contribute to the safety of life at sea, safety and efficiency of navigation and the protection of the marine environment, adjacent shore areas, work sites and offshore installations from possible adverse effects of maritime traffic.
- 2 Contracting Governments undertake to arrange for the establishment of VTS where, in their opinion, the volume of traffic or the degree of risk justifies such services.
- 3 Contracting Governments planning and implementing VTS shall, wherever possible, follow the guidelines developed by the Organization. The use of a VTS may only be made mandatory in sea areas within the territorial seas of a coastal State.
- 4 Contracting Governments shall endeavour to secure participation in, and compliance with the provisions of, VTSs by ships entitled to fly their flags.
- 5 Nothing in this regulation or the guidelines adopted by the Organization shall prejudice the rights and duties of Governments under international law or the legal regimes of straits used for international navigation and archipelagic sea lanes.”

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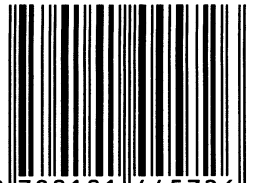
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