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# Amendments

to the International Regulations for  
Preventing Collisions at Sea  
done at London on 20 October 1972

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**AMENDMENTS<sup>1</sup>**  
**TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR**  
**PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972<sup>2</sup>**

1. *Rule 26(b)(i)*: Delete the words “a vessel of less than 20 metres in length may instead of this shape exhibit a basket”.

2. *Rule 26(c)(i)*: Delete the words “a vessel of less than 20 metres in length may instead of this shape exhibit a basket”.

3. *Rule 26(d)*: is amended to read as follows:

“(d) The additional signals described in Annex II to these regulations apply to a vessel engaged in fishing in close proximity to other vessels engaged in fishing.”

4. *Annex I, section 3—Horizontal positioning and spacing of lights*: a new paragraph (d) is added as follows:

“(d) When only one masthead light is prescribed for a power driven vessel, this light shall be exhibited forward of amidships; except that a vessel of less than 20 metres in length need not exhibit this light forward of amidships but shall exhibit it as far forward as is practicable.”

5. *Annex I, section 9—Horizontal sectors*:

— the existing paragraph “(b)” is renumbered to read “(b)(i)”.

— a new subparagraph (b)(ii) is added as follows:

“(b)(ii) If it is impracticable to comply with paragraph (b)(i) of this section by exhibiting only one all-round light, two all-round lights shall be used suitably positioned or screened so that they appear, as far as practicable, as one light at a distance of one mile.”

6. *Annex I, section 13—Approval*: Amend to read “14. Approval”; and insert a new section 13 as follows:

“13. High speed craft

The masthead light of high speed craft with a length to breadth ratio of less than 3.0 may be placed at a height related to the breadth of the craft lower than that prescribed in paragraph 2(a)(i) of this Annex, provided that the base angle of the isosceles triangles formed by the sidelights and masthead light, when seen in end elevation, is not less than 27°.”

7. *Annex II, section 2—Signals for trawlers*:

— the lead-in sentence of paragraph (a) is amended to read:

“(a) Vessels of 20 metres or more in length when engaged in trawling, whether using demersal or pelagic gear, shall exhibit:”

— the lead-in sentence of paragraph (b) is amended to read:

“(b) Each vessel of 20 metres or more in length engaged in pair trawling shall exhibit:”

— a new paragraph (c) is added as follows:

“(c) A vessel of less than 20 metres in length engaged in trawling, whether using demersal or pelagic gear or engaged in pair trawling, may exhibit the lights prescribed in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section, as appropriate.”

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<sup>1</sup>The Amendments were adopted by Resolution A.736 (18) at the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization on 4 November 1993.

<sup>2</sup>Treaty Series No. 77 (1977) Cmnd. 6962.

8. *Annex IV, subparagraph 1(o)*: Amend to read:

“(o) approved signals transmitted by radiocommunication systems, including survival craft radar transponders.”

