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Amendments
to the
Protocol of 1978 relating to the
International Convention for the
Safety of Life at Sea, 1974,
**concerning Radiocommunications for the
Global Maritime Distress and Safety System**

Adopted London, 10 November 1988

[The Amendments entered into force on 1 February 1992]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
January 1998*

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS (10 NOVEMBER 1988) TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1978¹ RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974² CONCERNING RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM

THE CONFERENCE,

NOTING article VIII(c) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) and article II, paragraph 1 of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the Convention (hereafter referred to as “the 1978 Protocol”) concerning the procedure for amending the 1978 Protocol by a Conference of Contracting Parties.

HAVING CONSIDERED amendments to the Convention concerning radiocommunications for the global maritime distress and safety system proposed and circulated to the Members of the Organization and all Contracting Governments to the Convention,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(c)(ii) of the Convention, amendments to the annex to the 1978 Protocol, the text of which is given in the annex to the present resolution;
2. DECIDES in accordance with article VIII(c)(iii) of the Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted and shall enter into force in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (a) The amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 1990, unless by that date one third of the Parties to the 1978 Protocol, or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant fleet, notify the Secretary-General of the Organization that they object to the amendments;
 - (b) The amendments which are deemed to have been accepted in accordance with paragraph (a) shall enter into force with respect to all Parties to the 1978 Protocol except those which have objected to the amendments under paragraph (a) and which have not withdrawn such objections on or before 1 February 1992;
 - (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), the amendments shall not enter into force if the amendments to the Convention adopted by the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System by resolution 1 are deemed not to have been accepted in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2) of the Convention.

¹Treaty Series No. 40 (1981) Cmnd 8277.

²Treaty Series No. 46 (1980) Cmnd 7874.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974 CONCERNING RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM¹

CHAPTER I

General Provisions

PART B—SURVEYS AND CERTIFICATES

Regulation 8

Survey of life-saving appliances and other equipment of cargo ships

In paragraph (a) the existing words “The life-saving appliances, except a radiotelegraph installation in a motor lifeboat or a portable radio apparatus for survival craft, the echo-sounding device, the gyro-compass, the fire-extinguishing appliances and the inert gas system of cargo ships” are replaced by “The life-saving appliances and arrangements (except radio installations), the shipborne navigational equipment, the fire safety systems and appliances and the inert gas system of cargo ships of 500 tons gross tonnage and upwards”.

Regulation 10

Surveys of hull, machinery and equipment of cargo ships

In paragraph (a) the existing words “, Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelegraphy Certificates or Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelephony Certificates” are replaced by “or Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificates”.

Regulation 14

Duration and validity of certificates

In paragraph (c) the existing words “Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelegraphy Certificate or a Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelephony Certificate” are replaced by “Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate”.

APPENDIX

The existing form of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate in the appendix to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and the existing form of supplement to the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate in the appendix to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol are replaced by the following:

¹Treaty Series No. 40 (1981) Cmnd 8277

Form of Safety Construction Certificate for Cargo Ships

CARGO SHIP SAFETY CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

(Official Seal)

(State)

Issued under the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto under the authority of the Government of

(name of the State)

by

(person or organization authorized)

Particulars of ship¹

Name of ship.....

Distinctive number or letters.....

Port of Registry

Gross tonnage.....

Deadweight of ship (metric tons)².....

IMO Number³

Type of ship⁴

Oil tanker

Chemical tanker

Gas carrier

Cargo ship other than any of the above

Date on which keel was laid or ship was at a similar stage of construction or, where applicable, date on which work for a conversion or an alteration or modification of a major character was commenced

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1 That the ship has been surveyed in accordance with the requirements of regulation I/10 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol.

2 That the survey showed that the condition of the structure, machinery and equipment as defined in the above regulation was satisfactory and the ship complied with the relevant requirements of chapters II-1 and II-2 of the Convention (other than those relating to fire safety systems and appliances and fire control plans).

¹Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.

²For oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers only.

³In accordance with resolution A.600(15)—IMO ship identification number scheme, this information may be included voluntarily.

⁴Delete as appropriate.

3 That in implementing regulation I/6(b) the Government has instituted:¹

- mandatory annual surveys;
- unscheduled inspections.

4 That an Exemption Certificate has/has not² been issued.

This certificate is valid until

Issued at

(Place of issue of certificate)

.....
(Date of Issue)

.....
(Signature of Authorized official
issuing the certificate)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing
authority, as appropriate.)

INTERMEDIATE SURVEY
(FOR TANKERS OF 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER)

This is to certify that at an intermediate survey required by regulation I/10 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol, this ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

Signed:
(Signature of authorized official)

Place:

Date:
(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Signed:
(Signature of authorized official)

Place:

Date:
(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEYS OR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS

This is to certify that the ship has been surveyed in accordance with regulation I/6(b) of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol and the relevant recommendations of the Organization.³

1st mandatory annual survey^{2 4} Signed:

1st unscheduled inspection² Place:

Date:
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

2nd mandatory annual survey^{2 4} Signed:

2nd unscheduled inspection² Place:

Date:
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

¹Delete as appropriate.

²Delete as appropriate.

³Reference is made to the Guidelines on surveys required by the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the International Bulk Chemical Code and the International Gas Carrier Code adopted by the Organization by resolution A.560(14).

⁴An intermediate survey, but not an unscheduled inspection, may take the place of a mandatory annual survey.

3rd mandatory annual survey ^{1 2}	Signed:
3rd unscheduled inspection ¹	Place:
	Date:
	(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)
4th mandatory annual survey ^{1 2}	Signed:
4th unscheduled inspection ¹	Place:
	Date:
	(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

The existing form of the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate in the appendix to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and the existing form of supplement to the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate in the appendix to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol are replaced by the following:

Form of Safety Equipment Certificate for Cargo Ships

CARGO SHIP SAFETY EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE

This Certificate shall be supplemented by a Record of Equipment (Form E)

(Official Seal) (State)

Issued under the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto under the authority of the Government of

(name of the State)

by _____
(person or organization authorized)

Particulars of ship³

Name of ship.....
 Distinctive number or letters.....
 Port of registry.....
 Gross tonnage.....
 Deadweight of ship (metric tons)⁴.....
 Length of ship (regulation III/3.10).....
 IMO Number⁵

Type of ship⁶

Oil tanker
 Chemical tanker
 Gas carrier
 Cargo ship other than any of the above

Date on which keel was laid or ship was at a similar stage of construction or, where applicable, date on which work for a conversion or an alteration or modification of a major character was commenced

¹Delete as appropriate.

²An intermediate survey, but not an unscheduled inspection, may take the place of a mandatory annual survey.

³Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.

⁴For oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers only.

⁵In accordance with resolution A.600(15)—IMO ship identification number scheme, this information may be included voluntarily.

⁶Delete as appropriate.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1 That the ship has been surveyed in accordance with the requirements of regulation I/8 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol.

2 That the survey showed that:

2.1 the ship complied with the requirements of the Convention as regards fire safety systems and appliances and fire control plans;

2.2 the life-saving appliances and the equipment of the lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats were provided in accordance with the requirements of the Convention;

2.3 the ship was provided with a line-throwing appliance and radio installations used in life-saving appliances in accordance with the requirements of the Convention;

2.4 the ship complied with the requirements of the Convention as regards shipborne navigational equipment, means of embarkation for pilots and nautical publications;

2.5 the ship was provided with lights, shapes and means of making sound signals and distress signals, in accordance with the requirements of the Convention and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force;

2.6 in all other respects the ship complied with the relevant requirements of the Convention.

3 That the ship operates in accordance with regulation III/26.1.1.1 within the limits of the trade area

4 That in implementing regulation I/6(b) the Government has instituted¹:

- mandatory annual surveys
- unscheduled inspections.

5 That an Exemption Certificate has/has not¹ been issued.

This certificate is valid until

Issued at

(Place of issue of certificate)

.....
(Date of Issue)

.....
(Signature of authorized official
issuing the certificate)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing
authority, as appropriate.)

¹Delete as appropriate.

INTERMEDIATE SURVEY
(FOR TANKERS OF 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER)

This is to certify that at an intermediate survey required by regulation I/8 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol, this ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

Signed:
(Signature of authorized official)
Place:
Date:
(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEY OR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTION

This is to certify that the ship has been surveyed in accordance with regulation I/6(b) of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol and the relevant recommendations of the Organization.¹

Mandatory annual survey^{2 3} Signed:
Unscheduled inspection² Place:
Date:
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

Under the provisions of regulation I/14 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol, the validity of this Certificate is extended until

Signed:
Place:
Date:
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

¹Reference is made to the Guidelines on surveys required by the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the International Bulk Chemical Code and the International Gas Carrier Code adopted by the Organization by resolution A.560(14).
²Delete as appropriate.
³An intermediate survey, but not an unscheduled inspection, may take the place of a mandatory annual survey.

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