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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, operators, agents and masters of Singapore-registered ships

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 110th SESSION OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (MSC 110) OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)

- 1. This circular informs the shipping community of the resolutions adopted by MSC 110¹ and urges the shipping community to prepare for the implementation of these resolutions.
- 2. **MSC 110** adopted the following mandatory resolutions:
 - a. Resolution MSC.572(110) Amendments to Chapters II-2 and V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974

This resolution adopts amendments to Chapter II-2 for consistent implementation of this provision for passenger ships and cargo ships, as a minor correction, and amendments to Chapter V and the appendix (Certificates) in relation to pilot transfer arrangements. The amendments will enter into force on **1 January 2028** and will be given effect through the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations.

b. Resolution MSC.573(110) – Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code)

This resolution adopts amendments to the 1994 HSC Code to harmonise the lifejacket requirements with SOLAS chapter III, and the associated Record of Equipment for HSC Safety Certificate to additionally include details of infant lifejackets and pilot transfer arrangements. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2028 and will be given effect through the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations.

¹ MSC 110 was held from 18 to 27 June 2025.

c. Resolution MSC.574(110) – Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code)

This resolution adopts amendments to the 2000 HSC Code to harmonise the lifejacket requirements with SOLAS chapter III, and the associated Record of Equipment for HSC Safety Certificate to additionally include details of infant lifejackets and pilot transfer arrangements. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2028 and will be given effect through the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations.

d. Resolution MSC.575(110) – Amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code)

This resolution adopts amendments to the IMSBC Code to introduce technical updates, including the revision of existing and new cargo schedules, covering both hazardous and non-hazardous bulk cargoes. The amendments will enter into force on **1 January 2027** and will be given effect through the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations.

e. Resolution MSC.577(110) - Amendments to the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008 (2008 SPS Code)

This resolution adopts consequential amendments to the Record of Equipment for the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate under the 2008 SPS Code in relation to the amendments adopted by resolution MSC.572(110) concerning pilot transfer arrangements. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2028 and will be given effect through the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations.

3. **MSC 110** also adopted the following resolutions:

a. Resolution MSC.576(110) - Performance Standards for Pilot Transfer Arrangements

This resolution adopts the performance standards for pilot transfer arrangements. This resolution will take effect on **1 January 2028** upon entry into force of the amendments to regulation V/23 of the Convention adopted by resolution MSC.572(110). The Assembly is invited to revoke resolutions A.1045(27) and A.1108(29) as of 1 April 2030.

b. Resolution MSC.578(110) – Encouragement of Maritime Information-Sharing Through the Use of National and Regional Maritime Information-Sharing Centres to Enhance Maritime Safety and Security

This resolution encourages the sharing of relevant information, including data on maritime safety and security, illicit activities in the maritime sector, environmental incidents and search and rescue situations, through the use of national and regional maritime information-sharing centres.

c. Resolution MSC.579(110) – Accessibility of information on seafarer medical certificates and medical practitioners recognized for the purpose of conducting seafarer medical examinations

This resolution aims to improve access to key information that would help facilitate the issuance and use of medical certificates for seafarers.

d. Resolution MSC.580(110) – Amendments to the Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances (MSC.81(70))

This resolution adopts the amendments to the Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances (MSC.81(70)), related to the procedure for lifejacket buoyancy test and acceptance criteria.

e. Resolution MSC.581(110) — Revised Recommendations for Entering Enclosed Spaces Aboard Ships

This resolution adopts the Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships to ensure the safety of personnel.

- 4. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to MPA Shipping Division via email at shipping@mpa.gov.sg.
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