

RESOLUTION MSC.201(81)
(adopted on 18 May 2006)

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

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING FURTHER article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”), concerning the amendment procedure applicable to the Annex to the Convention, other than the provisions of chapter I thereof,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eighty-first session, amendments to the Convention, proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) thereof,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES SOLAS Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

ANNEX

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

**CHAPTER II-2
CONSTRUCTION – FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE DETECTION AND
FIRE EXTINCTION**

Regulation 9 – Containment of fire

- 1 In subparagraph .2 of paragraph 4.1.3.3, “.” is replaced by “; or”.
- 2 In paragraph 4.1.3.3, the following new subparagraph .3 is added after the existing subparagraph .2:

“3 water-mist nozzles that have been tested and approved in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Organization*.”

Regulation 15 – Arrangements for oil fuel, lubricating oil and other flammable oils

- 3 In regulation II-2/15, as amended by resolution MSC.31(63), the text after the title is replaced by the following:

“(Paragraphs 2.9 to 2.12 of this regulation apply to ships constructed on or after 1 February 1992, except that the references to paragraphs 2.10 and 2.11 in paragraphs 3 and 4 apply to ships constructed on or after 1 July 1998)”.

**CHAPTER III
LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND ARRANGEMENTS**

Regulation 7 – Personal life-saving appliances

- 4 In paragraph 2.1, the following new subparagraphs .1 and .2 are inserted:
 - “1 for passenger ships on voyages less than 24 h, a number of infant lifejackets equal to at least 2.5% of the number of passengers on board shall be provided;
 - .2 for passenger ships on voyages 24 h or greater, infant lifejackets shall be provided for each infant on board;”

and the existing subparagraphs .1 and .2 are renumbered as subparagraphs .3 and .4. The word “and” is moved from the end of renumbered subparagraph .3 to the end of renumbered subparagraph .4.

* Refer to the Revised Guidelines for approval of sprinkler systems equivalent to that referred to in SOLAS regulation II-2/12 (resolution A.800(19)).

5 The following new subparagraph .5 is inserted after the renumbered subparagraph .4 of paragraph 2.1:

“5 if the adult lifejackets provided are not designed to fit persons weighing up to 140 kg and with a chest girth of up to 1,750 mm, a sufficient number of suitable accessories shall be available on board to allow them to be secured to such persons.”

CHAPTER IV RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

Regulation 7 – Radio equipment: General

6 The existing text of subparagraph .6.1 of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

“6.1 capable of transmitting a distress alert through the polar orbiting satellite service operating in the 406 MHz band;”

Regulation 9 – Radio equipment: Sea areas A1 and A2

7 The existing text of subparagraph .3.3 of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

“3.3 through the Inmarsat geostationary satellite service by a ship earth station.”

Regulation 10 – Radio equipment: Sea areas A1, A2 and A3

8 The existing text of subparagraph .4.3 of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

“4.3 through the Inmarsat geostationary satellite service by an additional ship earth station.”

9 The existing text of subparagraph .3.2 of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

“3.2 through the Inmarsat geostationary satellite service by a ship earth station; and”

CHAPTER V SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

Regulation 22 – Navigation bridge visibility

10 The following new paragraph 4 is added after the existing paragraph 3:

“4 Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5, ballast water exchange may be undertaken provided that:

- .1 the master has determined that it is safe to do so and takes into consideration any increased blind sectors or reduced horizontal fields of vision resulting from the operation to ensure that a proper lookout is maintained at all times;
- .2 the operation is conducted in accordance with the ship's ballast water management plan, taking into account the recommendations on ballast water exchange adopted by the Organization; and
- .3 the commencement and termination of the operation are recorded in the ship's record of navigational activities pursuant to regulation 28."
