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Outcome of the IMO Assembly 22nd Session

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Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

A summary of the resolutions regarding technical matters which are relevant to the work of this society adopted at the 22nd session of the IMO Assembly held in November 2001 are given hereunder. Except for A.910 (22), these resolutions are of recommendatory nature only. However, if a flag State informs us of its intention to implement resolutions under its national legislation, such information will be notified in a separate technical information.

A.910 (22) Amendments to COLREGs (Effective on 23 November 2003)

Amendments to the International Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 on the following matters:

- New rules for WIG Craft (a flying-boat like craft flying in the very low altitude where ground effect are in force) both in navigation and lights/shapes.
- Exemption of the bells for small (12-20m in length) craft, and amendments of the performance standard for whistle used for those craft.
- Amendments to the lights for high speed craft

A.911 (22) Uniform wording for referencing IMO instruments

Setting standard phrases for referencing IMO instruments in the convention. It categorized the way of reference as “mandatory”, “not-inferior to” and “recommendatory”

A.913 (22) Revised Guidelines on the implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations

Amendments to the guidelines (A.788(19)) following the incorporation of part of the code into the Code itself. The primary points are:

- Section 3 “Issuance and validity of DOC and SMC” is deleted as it has been incorporated into the Code by MSC Resolution MSC.104(73)
- The definition given in Section 1.1 is deleted as it has been incorporated into the Code by MSC Resolution MSC.104(73)
- The term “Periodical Verification” is replaced with the term “Annual Verification”
- Additional option for verification of DOC/SMC is added, i.e., it may be carried out by other flag Administration by request.
- The forms of DOC/SMC are deleted as it has been incorporated into the Code by MSC Resolution MSC.104(73)

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A.916 (22) Guidelines for the recording of events related to navigation

The guideline for recording of events as required by SOLAS Reg V/28 (SOLAS 2000 Amendments – MSC.99(73)) In principle, these records should be recorded in the log book, however, other alternative measures may be accepted.

A.917 (22) Guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne Automatic Identification Systems (AIS)

Operational guidelines for operation of AIS which are required by SOLAS Reg. V/19 ((SOLAS 2000 Amendments – MSC.99(73)) It provides for matters where caution is required, and the inherent limitations of AIS.

A.921 (22) Assembly resolutions superseded by the 1995 amendments to the STCW convention

It gives notice of the list of Assembly resolutions which become invalid after the full implementation of 1995 Amendments to the STCW Convention on 1 February 2002 (given hereunder).

A.437(XI) Training of Crews in FIRE-FIGHTING

A.438(XI) Training and Qualification of Persons in charge of Medical Care Aboard Ship

A.482(XII) Training in the Use of Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA)

A.483(XII) Training in Radar Observation and Plotting

A.537(13) Training of Officers and Ratings Responsible for Cargo Handling on Ships Carrying Dangerous and Hazardous Substances in Solid Form in Bulk or in Packaged Form

A.624(15) Guidelines on Training for the Purpose of Launching Lifeboats and Rescue Boats from Ships Making Headway Through the Water

A.770(18) Minimum Training Requirements for Personnel Nominated to Assist Passengers in Emergency Situations on Passenger Ships

A.926 (22) Availability and use of low sulphur bunker fuel oils in SO_x emission control areas designated in accordance with regulation 14(3) of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78

It invites governments in those geographical regions where SO_x Emission Control Areas have been designated to (e.g., Baltic Sea) to ensure availability of low sulphur bunker fuel.

A.928 (22) Early and effective application of the Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships

Following the adoption of the Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships in October 2001, urging governments to provide any information available regarding any anti-fouling system they have approved.

A.929 (22) Entry into force of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78

It urges governments to consider accepting the 1997 Protocol (Annex VI) to the MARPOL Convention at the earliest possible opportunity. If the conditions for the entry into force are not fulfilled by December 2002, the Marine Environment Protection Committee will consider action necessary in 2003.

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The resolutions as introduced above should be made available through IMO Publication Section (Web Site – www.imo.org). However, for these who require the resolutions on urgent basis, please contact our staff in charge (Ms Aida or Ms Maeda) at External Affairs Division.

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