

**ANNEX 3****RESOLUTION MSC.583(111)  
(adopted on 21 May 2026)****AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS IV AND V, AND THE APPENDIX OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

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

RECALLING ALSO article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("the Convention"), concerning the amendment procedure applicable to the annex to the Convention, other than to the provisions of chapter I,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 111th session, amendments to the Convention proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the Convention,

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 July 2027, 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 the Secretary-General of their objections to the amendments;

3 INVITES Contracting Governments to the Convention to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, for the purposes of 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 ALSO 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.

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

**CHAPTER IV  
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS**

**Part B  
Undertakings by Contracting Governments**

**Regulation 5**

*Provision of radiocommunication services*

- 1 The following new paragraph is added after the existing paragraph 2:

"3 Each Contracting Government undertakes to use all operational recognized mobile satellite services in their area of responsibility when disseminating maritime safety information and search and rescue related information via the Enhanced Group Call service."

**CHAPTER V  
SAFETY OF NAVIGATION**

**Regulation 4**

*Navigational warnings*

- 2 Regulation 4 is replaced by the following:

"Each Contracting Government shall take all steps necessary to ensure that, when intelligence of any danger is received from whatever reliable source, it shall be promptly brought to the knowledge of those concerned and communicated to other interested Governments, with due regard to regulation IV/5.3.\*"

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\* Refer to the *Guidance on the IMO/IHO World-Wide Navigational Warning Service* (resolution A.706(17), as amended)."

**Regulation 5**

*Meteorological services and warnings*

- 3 The chapeau of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"2 In particular, Contracting Governments undertake to carry out, in co-operation, the following meteorological arrangements, with due regard to regulation IV/5.3:"

**Regulation 18**

*Approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorder*

- 4 In the footnote to paragraph 2, the following new entry is added:

"Performance standards for shipborne VHF data exchange system (VDES) (resolution MSC.593(111));"

- 5 Paragraph 9 is replaced by the following:

"9 The automatic identification system (AIS) or VHF data exchange system (VDES) shall be subjected to an annual test. The test shall be conducted by an approved surveyor or an approved testing or servicing facility. The test shall verify the correct programming of the ship static information, correct data exchange with connected sensors as well as verifying the radio performance by radio frequency measurement and on-air test using, e.g. a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS). A copy of the test report shall be retained on board the ship."

## **Regulation 19**

### *Carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment*

#### **1 Application and requirements**

- 6 Paragraph 1.2.3 is replaced by the following:

"1.2 Ships constructed before 1 July 2002 shall:

.3 be fitted with the system as required in paragraph 2.4; and"

#### **2 Shipborne navigational equipment and systems**

- 7 Paragraph 2.4 is replaced by the following:

"2.4 All ships of 300 gross tonnage and upwards engaged on international voyages and cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards not engaged on international voyages and passenger ships irrespective of size shall be fitted with an automatic identification system (AIS) or VHF data exchange system (VDES), as follows:

.1 AIS or VDES shall:

.1 provide automatically to appropriately equipped shore stations, other ships and aircraft information, including the ship's identity, type, position, course, speed, navigational status and other safety-related information;

.2 receive automatically such information from similarly fitted ships;

.3 monitor and track ships; and

.4 exchange data with shore-based facilities;

.2 the requirements of paragraph 2.4.1 shall not be applied to cases where international agreements, rules or standards provide for the protection of navigational information; and

.3 AIS or VDES shall be operated taking into account the guidelines adopted by the Organization.\* Ships fitted with AIS or VDES shall maintain AIS or VDES in operation at all times except where international agreements, rules or standards provide for the protection of navigational information.

\* Refer to the *Revised guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne Automatic Identification Systems (AIS)* (resolution A.1106(29)) and *Guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne VHF data exchange system (VDES)* (MSC.1/Circ.1699)."

## **Regulation 19-1**

### *Long-range identification and tracking of ships*

8 Paragraph 4.2 is replaced by the following:

"4.2 Ships, irrespective of the date of construction, fitted with an automatic identification system (AIS) or VHF data exchange system (VDES), as defined in regulation 19.2.4, and operated exclusively within sea area A1, as defined in regulation IV/2.1.15, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this regulation."

## **APPENDIX**

### **CERTIFICATES**

#### **Record of equipment for passenger ship safety (Form P)**

9 In the table for "Details of navigational systems and equipment", item 4.1 is replaced by the following:

"4.1 Automatic identification system (AIS) or VHF data exchange system (VDES)"

#### **Record of equipment for cargo ship safety (Form E)**

10 In the table for "Details of navigational systems and equipment", item 4.1 is replaced by the following:

"4.1 Automatic identification system (AIS) or VHF data exchange system (VDES)"

#### **Record of equipment for cargo ship safety (Form C)**

11 In the table for "Details of navigational systems and equipment", item 4.1 is replaced by the following:

"4.1 Automatic identification system (AIS) or VHF data exchange system (VDES)"

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