

RESOLUTION A.431(XI)

Adopted on 15 November 1979

Agenda item 10(b)

**RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING VESSELS RESTRICTED IN THEIR ABILITY
TO MANOEUVRE WHEN ENGAGED IN AN OPERATION FOR
THE MAINTENANCE OF SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN
A TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

RECALLING ALSO the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (1972 Collision Regulations) and in particular Rule 10 thereof,

RECALLING FURTHER the requirement in the general provisions on ships' routing (resolution A.378(X)) that routing systems should be resurveyed as necessary so as to maintain their effectiveness,

HAVING CONSIDERED the difficulties existing in the application of Rule 10 of the 1972 Collision Regulations by vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre when engaged in an operation for the maintenance of safety of navigation in a traffic separation scheme,

RECOGNIZING that safety of navigation in traffic separation schemes requires the unrestricted operation of such vessels within those schemes,

NOTING that the Maritime Safety Committee has adopted in accordance with paragraph 2, Article VI of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, the following amendment to Rule 10:

“(k) A vessel restricted in her ability to manoeuvre when engaged in an operation for the maintenance of safety of navigation in a traffic separation scheme is exempted from complying with this rule to the extent necessary to carry out the operation”,

1. DECIDES to consider at its twelfth session the adoption of the above amendment and to determine the date of its subsequent entry into force in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article VI of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972;

2. RECOMMENDS, in view of the urgency of this matter, that Member Governments and Governments Parties to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, take account of the amendment adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, be guided by it and notify, as appropriate, seafarers and all others concerned.