

**RESOLUTION A.427(XI)**

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Agenda item 10(b)*

**RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE OF PILOTAGE SERVICES  
IN THE SOUND**

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

BEING AWARE of the close relationship between the safety of navigation and the prevention of pollution from ships,

BEING ALSO AWARE of the urgent need to protect the vulnerable Baltic Sea area, which has been designated a special area, against pollution,

NOTING that the navigation of large oil tankers and chemical tankers and gas carriers through the Sound as an entrance to the Baltic Sea area constitutes, due to the risk of grounding or collision, a potential danger of pollution of the Sound, and also, due to the strong sea-current, a potential danger for pollution of the entire Baltic Sea area,

NOTING ALSO that at several places this passage is difficult to navigate,

BEARING IN MIND:

- (a) Resolution 5 on intentional pollution of the sea and accidental spillages, adopted by the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973;
- (b) Resolution A.159(ES.IV) on pilotage;
- (c) MSC/Circ.158 of 5 April 1974 on control of movements of chemical tankers and gas carriers;
- (d) Resolution A.339(IX) on navigation through the entrances to the Baltic Sea,

RECOMMENDS that oil tankers in loaded condition with a draught of 7 metres or more, and all loaded chemical tankers and gas carriers, irrespective of size, when navigating in the part of the Sound which is limited by a line connecting Svinbåden Lighthouse and Hornbæk Harbour and a line connecting Skanör Harbour and Aflandshage (the southernmost point of the Amager Island), should use the pilotage services established by the Governments of Denmark and Sweden.