

RECOMMENDATION ON USE OF SHORE-BASED  
DIRECTION-FINDING STATIONS

The Maritime Safety Committee,

*Recognizing* that shore-based direction-finding stations can contribute greatly to the prompt initiation and execution of search and rescue action for ships in distress at sea by the determination of their position,

*Recommends* that, where practicable and necessary, Administrations should establish shore-based direction-finding stations to take bearings of distress signals, calls and messages, particularly those transmitted on the radiotelephone distress frequency along coasts, especially in areas of high traffic density. The Committee further recommends that close collaboration between direction-finding stations of all nations whose coastlines are in the area should be an essential feature of such a direction-finding system.

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RESOLUTION A.218(VII)

SAFETY RADIOCOMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR NOVEL TYPES OF CRAFT

The Assembly,

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

*Having examined* the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its twenty-second session,

*Having considered* the measures recommended by the Committee concerning safety radiocommunication requirements for novel types of craft,

*Adopts* the measures recommended by the Committee as set out at Annex to this Resolution,

*Invites* Member Governments to take appropriate action for application as necessary,

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SAFETY RADIOCOMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR NOVEL TYPES OF CRAFT

The Maritime Safety Committee,

*Having examined* the measures suggested by the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications concerning safety radiocommunication requirements for novel types of craft,

*Taking account* of the provisions of Regulation 4, Chapter I of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, as amended,

*Recommends that:*

- (a) novel types of craft of any kind operating in the marine environment on short international voyages should at least be fitted with radiotelephone installation complying generally with the relevant requirements of Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960. Additionally, in areas not adequately covered by radiotelephone coast stations, such craft should fit radiotelegraphy equipment at least to the standard of reserve radiotelegraph installation as specified in the Convention, and also carry a radio officer and provide appropriate watchkeeping arrangements;
- (b) provisions should be made for continuous listening on 2182 kHz at the place on board from which the craft is usually navigated and a qualified radiotelephone operator should be carried;
- (c) a radio log approved by the Administration should be maintained;
- (d) emergency position-indicating radio beacons should be carried where the Administration considers it appropriate.

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#### UNIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

The Assembly,

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

*Having considered* the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its twenty-second session,

*Endorses* its Recommendation on the unification of performance specifications, the text of which appears at Annex to this Resolution.

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#### RECOMMENDATION ON UNIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

The Maritime Safety Committee,

*Recognizing* that some Administrations may require the radio and radio direction-finding equipment fitted in ships under their registry to have operational or technical requirements, or both, over and above those specified by the international regulations and provisions,