

RESOLUTION A.162(ES.IV)

RECOMMENDATION ON ADDITIONAL SIGNALS FOR
DEEP-DRAUGHT SHIPS IN NARROW CHANNELS

The Assembly,

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

Taking note that narrow channels are being established in open sea areas outside which deep-draught ships cannot navigate without running into danger of grounding or damaging their bottom,

Recognizing the need to ensure that such ships are not hampered in the safe passage through such channels,

Recognizing further that such ships navigating in such channels should be provided with special signals for identification purposes,

Having considered the Recommendation adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighteenth session,

Adopts the Recommendation on Additional Signals for Deep-draught Ships in Narrow Channels, the text of which appears in the Annex to this Resolution.

ANNEX

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A power-driven vessel under way in a narrow channel which, owing to its draught, can navigate only inside such channel, may carry in addition to the lights prescribed in Rule 2(a)(i), (ii), (iv), (v) and Rule 10(a) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and during the same circumstances as prescribed in the Regulations for these lights, three red lights in a vertical line one over the other so that the upper and lower lights shall be the same distance from and not less than 6 feet (1.83 metres) above or below the middle light. They shall be carried where they can best be seen and visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least two miles. By day such a vessel may carry, where it can best be seen, a black cylinder of not less than two feet (0.61 metres) in diameter and a height of not less than 3.5 feet (1.07 metres).

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