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RESOLUTION MSC.151(78)
(adopted on 20 May 2004)

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

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

RECALLING FURTHER article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), concerning the amendment procedure applicable to the Annex to the Convention, other than to the provisions of chapter I thereof,

NOTING SOLAS regulation II-1/3-6 concerning access to and within spaces in the cargo area of oil tankers of 500 gross tonnage and over and bulk carriers of 20,000 gross tonnage and over, adopted by [resolution MSC.134\(76\)](#), which is applicable to oil tankers and bulk carriers constructed on or after 1 January 2005,

ACKNOWLEDGING concerns expressed with regard to problems which might be encountered when implementing the requirements of the aforementioned SOLAS regulation II-1/3-6,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-eighth session, amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/3-6, 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 regulation II-1/3-6 of 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 2005, 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 their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES SOLAS Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2006 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with 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. FURTHER 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;
6. RESOLVES that SOLAS Contracting Governments may apply, in advance, the annexed SOLAS regulation II-1/3-6 adopted by this resolution together with the amendments to the Technical provisions for means of access for inspections adopted by [resolution MSC.158\(78\)](#) in lieu of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-6 adopted by [resolution MSC.134\(76\)](#) and the Technical provisions for means of access for inspections adopted by [resolution MSC.133\(76\)](#) to ships flying their flag constructed on or after 1 January 2005.

ANNEX

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

CHAPTER II-1

CONSTRUCTION - STRUCTURE, SUBDIVISION AND STABILITY, MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

PART A-1

STRUCTURE OF SHIPS

Regulation 3-6- Access to and within spaces in the cargo area of oil tankers and bulk carriers

- 1 The title of the regulation is replaced by the following:

"Access to and within spaces in, and forward of, the cargo area of oil tankers and bulk carriers"

- 2 In paragraph 1.1, the date "1 January 2005" is replaced with "1 January 2006".

- 3 In paragraph 2.1, in the first sentence, the words "within the cargo area" and "a permanent" are deleted.

- 4 In paragraph 3.1, in the second sentence, the words "or to forward ballast tanks" are inserted between the words "bottom spaces" and "may be from a pump-room".

- 5 In paragraph 4.1, in the second sentence, the words "in the cargo area" are deleted.
