

**RESOLUTION MSC.343(91)**  
**(adopted on 30 November 2012)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

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

RECALLING ALSO Article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") and the functions which the Protocol of 1978 relating to the Convention (hereinafter referred to as "the 1978 SOLAS Protocol") confers upon the Maritime Safety Committee for the consideration and adoption of amendments to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol,

RECOGNIZING the need to align the contents of the Forms of the Safety Construction Certificate and Safety Equipment Certificate for cargo ships set out in the appendix to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol with those in the Convention and the 1988 SOLAS Protocol,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its ninety-first session, amendments to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol proposed and circulated in accordance with Article VIII(b)(i) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with Article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the annex to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, 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 and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, that the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2014, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Parties to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50 per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES the Parties concerned to note that, in accordance with Article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2014, upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with Article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Parties to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol;
5. ALSO REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Parties to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol.

ANNEX

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

ANNEX

**MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ANNEX TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

**APPENDIX**

The existing forms of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate and Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate are replaced by the following:

**FORM OF SAFETY CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE FOR CARGO SHIPS**

**CARGO SHIP SAFETY CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE**

(Official seal)

(State)

Issued under the provisions of the  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE  
AT SEA, 1974, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto

under the authority of the Government of

\_\_\_\_\_ *(name of the State)*

by

\_\_\_\_\_ *(person or organization authorized)*

**Particulars of ship<sup>1</sup>**

Name of ship .....  
Distinctive number or letters .....  
Port of registry .....  
Gross tonnage .....  
Deadweight of ship (metric tons)<sup>2</sup> .....  
IMO Number .....

Type of ship<sup>3</sup>

- Bulk carrier
- Oil tanker
- Chemical tanker
- Gas carrier
- Cargo ship other than any of the above

Date of build:

- Date of building contract .....
- Date on which keel was laid or ship was at similar stage of construction .....
- Date of delivery .....
- Date on which work for a conversion or an alteration or modification of a major character was commenced (where applicable) .....

All applicable dates shall be completed.

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY:**

- 1 That the ship has been surveyed in accordance with the requirements of regulation I/10 of the Convention.
- 2 That the survey showed that the condition of the structure, machinery and equipment as defined in the above regulation was satisfactory and the ship complied with the relevant requirements of chapters II-1 and II-2 of the Convention (other than those relating to fire safety systems and appliances and fire control plans).
- 3 That in implementing regulation I/6(b) the Government has instituted:
  - mandatory annual surveys;
  - unscheduled inspections.
- 4 That an Exemption Certificate has/has not<sup>3</sup> been issued.
- 5 The ship was/was not<sup>3</sup> subjected to an alternative design and arrangements in pursuance of regulation(s) II-1/55 / II-2/17<sup>3</sup> of the Convention.
- 6 A Document of approval of alternative design and arrangements for machinery and electrical installations/fire protection<sup>3</sup> is/is not<sup>3</sup> appended to this Certificate.

***This certificate is valid until*** .....

Completion date of the survey on which this certificate is based: ..... (dd/mm/yyyy)

Issued at .....  
(Place of issue of certificate)

.....  
(Date of issue)

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(Signature of authorized official issuing the certificate)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing authority, as appropriate)

**INTERMEDIATE SURVEY**

(for tankers of 10 years of age and over)

This is to certify that at an intermediate survey required by regulation I/10 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol, this ship was found to comply with relevant provisions of the Convention.

Signed: .....  
(Signature of authorized official)

Place: .....

Date: .....  
(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Signed: .....  
(Signature of authorized official)

Place: .....

Date: .....  
(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

**MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEYS OR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS**

This is to certify that the ship has been surveyed in accordance with regulation I/6(b) of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol and the relevant recommendations of the Organization.

1st mandatory annual survey<sup>3,4</sup>      Signed: .....

1st unscheduled inspection<sup>3</sup>      Place: .....

Date: .....  
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

2nd mandatory annual survey<sup>3,4</sup>      Signed: .....

2nd unscheduled inspection<sup>3</sup>      Place: .....

Date: .....  
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

3rd mandatory annual survey<sup>3,4</sup> Signed: .....

3rd unscheduled inspection<sup>3</sup> Place: .....

Date: .....

(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

4th mandatory annual survey<sup>3,4</sup> Signed: .....

4th unscheduled inspection<sup>3</sup> Place: .....

Date: .....

(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

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1 Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.

2 For oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers only.

3 Delete as appropriate.

4 An intermediate survey, but not an unscheduled inspection, may take the place of a mandatory annual survey.

**FORM OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR CARGO SHIPS**

**CARGO SHIP SAFETY EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE**

This Certificate shall be supplemented by a Record of Equipment for Cargo Ship Safety (Form E)

(Official seal)

(State)

Issued under the provisions of the  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE  
AT SEA, 1974, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto

under the authority of the Government of

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of the State)*

by

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(person or organization authorized)*

**Particulars of ship<sup>1</sup>**

Name of ship .....

Distinctive number or letters .....

Port of registry .....

Gross tonnage .....

Deadweight of ship (metric tons)<sup>2</sup> .....

Length of ship (regulation III/3.12) .....

IMO Number .....

Type of ship<sup>3</sup>

Bulk carrier

Oil tanker

Chemical tanker

Gas carrier

Cargo ship other than any of the above

Date on which keel was laid or ship was at a similar stage of construction or,  
where applicable, date on which work for a conversion or an alteration  
or modification of a major character was commenced .....

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY:**

- 1 That the ship has been surveyed in accordance with the requirements of regulation I/8 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol.
- 2 That the survey showed that:
  - 2.1 the ship complied with the requirements of the Convention as regards fire safety systems and appliances and fire control plans;
  - 2.2 the life-saving appliances and the equipment of the lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats were provided in accordance with the requirements of the Convention;
  - 2.3 the ship was provided with a line-throwing appliance and radio installations used in life-saving appliances in accordance with the requirements of the Convention;
  - 2.4 the ship complied with the requirements of the Convention as regards shipborne navigational equipment, means of embarkation for pilots and nautical publications;
  - 2.5 the ship was provided with lights, shapes and means of making sound signals and distress signals in accordance with the requirements of the Convention and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force;
  - 2.6 in all other respects the ship complied with the relevant requirements of the Convention;
  - 2.7 the ship was/was not<sup>3</sup> subjected to an alternative design and arrangements in pursuance of regulation(s) II-2/17 / III/38<sup>3</sup> of the Convention;
  - 2.8 a Document of approval of alternative design and arrangements for fire protection/ life-saving appliances and arrangements<sup>3</sup> is/is not<sup>3</sup> appended to this Certificate.
- 3 That the ship operates in accordance with regulation III/26.1.1.1<sup>4</sup> within the limits of the trade area .....
- 4 That in implementing regulation I/6(b) the Government has instituted:
  - mandatory annual surveys;
  - unscheduled inspections.
- 5 That an Exemption Certificate has/has not<sup>3</sup> been issued.

***This certificate is valid until*** .....

Completion date of the survey on which this certificate is based: ..... (dd/mm/yyyy)

Issued at .....  
(Place of issue of certificate)

.....  
(Date of issue)

.....  
(Signature of authorized official issuing the certificate)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing authority, as appropriate)

**INTERMEDIATE SURVEY**

(for tankers of 10 years of age and over)

This is to certify that at an intermediate survey required by regulation I/8 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol, this ship was found to comply with relevant provisions of the Convention.

Signed: .....  
(Signature of authorized official)

Place: .....

Date: .....  
(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

**MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEYS OR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS**

This is to certify that the ship has been surveyed in accordance with regulation I/6(b) of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol and the relevant recommendations of the Organization.

mandatory annual survey<sup>3,5</sup> Signed: .....

unscheduled inspection<sup>3</sup> Place: .....

Date: .....  
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

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Under the provisions of regulation I/14 of the Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol, the validity of this Certificate is extended until .....

Signed: .....

Place: .....

Date: .....  
(Seal or stamp of the Authority as appropriate)

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- 1 Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.
  - 2 For oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers only.
  - 3 Delete as appropriate.
  - 4 Refer to the 1983 amendments to SOLAS (MSC.6(48)), applicable to ships constructed on or after 1 July 1986, but before 1 July 1998 in the case of self-righting partially enclosed lifeboat(s) on board.
  - 5 An intermediate survey, but not an unscheduled inspection, may take the place of a mandatory annual survey.