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Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

Article IX

(a) The present Convention shall remain open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 November 1974 until 1 July 1975 and shall thereafter remain open for accession. States may become parties to the present Convention by:

(i) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(ii) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(iii) accession.

(b) Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

Entry into force

Article X

(a) The present Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than twenty-five States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become parties to it in accordance with article IX.

(b) Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Convention enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of deposit.

Amendments

Article VIII

(a) The present Convention may be amended by either of the procedures specified in the following paragraphs.

(b) Amendments after consideration within the Organization:

(i) Any amendment proposed by a Contracting Government shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Organization, who shall then circulate it to all Members of the Organization and all Contracting Governments at least six months prior to its consideration.

(ii) Any amendment proposed and circulated as above shall be referred to the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization for consideration.

(iii) Contracting Governments of States, whether or not Members of the Organization, shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Maritime Safety Committee for the consideration and adoption of amendments.

(iv) Amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee expanded as provided for in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (hereinafter referred to as "the expanded Maritime Safety Committee") on condition that at least one-third of the Contracting Governments shall be present at the time of voting.

(v) Amendments adopted in accordance with subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph shall be communicated

by the Secretary-General of the Organization to all Contracting Governments for acceptance.

(vi)(1)...

(2) An amendment to the Annex other than chapter I shall be deemed to have been accepted:

(aa) at the end of two years from the date on which it is communicated to Contracting Governments for acceptance; or

(bb) at the end of a different period, which shall not be less than one year, if so determined at the time of its adoption by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the expanded Maritime Safety Committee.

However, if within the specified period either more than one-third of Contracting Governments, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, notify the Secretary-General of the Organization that they object to the amendment, it shall be deemed not to have been accepted.

(vii)(1)...

(2) An amendment to the Annex other than chapter I shall enter into force with respect to all Contracting Governments, except those which have objected to the amendment under subparagraph (vi)(2) of this paragraph and which have not withdrawn such objections, six months after the date on which it is deemed to have been accepted. However, before the date set for entry into force, any Contracting Government may give notice to the Secretary-General of the Organization that it exempts itself from giving effect to that amendment for a period not longer than one year from the date of its entry into force, or for such longer period as may be determined by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the expanded Maritime Safety Committee at the time of the adoption of the amendment.

I Amendment by a Conference:

(i) Upon the request of a Contracting Government concurred in by at least one-third of the Contracting Governments, the Organization shall convene a Conference of Contracting Governments to consider amendments to the present Convention.

(ii) Every amendment adopted by such a Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the Organization to all Contracting Governments for acceptance.

(iii) Unless the Conference decides otherwise, the amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedures specified in subparagraphs (b)(vi) and (b)(vii) respectively of this article, provided that references in these paragraphs to the expanded Maritime Safety Committee shall be taken to mean references to the Conference.

I. Signatories

II. Contracting States

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

IV. Amendments

I. Signatories

Argentina	*[Translation]* Subject to ratification by the Argentine Government
Belgium	Sous réserve de ratification
Bulgaria	Subject to approval
Byelorussian SSR	*[Translation]* Subject to acceptance
Chile	Subject to ratification
China[1]	*[Translation]* Subject to ratification
Congo	Sous réserve de ratification
Czechia	Subject to approval
Democratic Yemen	Subject to ratification
Denmark	Subject to ratification
Egypt	Subject to ratification
France	Sous réserve d'approbation ultérieure
Germany, Federal Republic of	Subject to ratification
Ghana	Subject to ratification
Greece	Subject to acceptance
Hungary	Subject to the approval of the Government and the ratification of the Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic
Iceland	Subject to acceptance
Indonesia	Subject to acceptance
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ad. ref.
Israel	Subject to ratification
Liberia	Subject to ratification
Mexico	*[Translation]* Subject to ratification
Monaco	
Norway	Subject to ratification
Poland	Sub. of ratification
Portugal	Subject to ratification
Republic of Korea	Subject to ratification
Republic of Viet Nam[2]	Sous réserve de ratification ultérieure par les instances compétentes
Spain	*[Translation]* Subject to ratification
Sweden	Subject to acceptance
Switzerland	Sous réserve de ratification
Ukrainian SSR	
USSR	*[Translation]* Subject to acceptance
United Kingdom	Subject to ratification
United States	Subject to ratification
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Ad referendum
Yugoslavia	Subject to approval

[1] For the text of a statement, see section III.

[2] The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam acceded to the Convention on 18 December 1990.

II. Contracting States

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania (accession)	7 June 2004	7 September 2004
Algeria (accession)	3 November 1983	3 February 1984
Angola (accession)	3 October 1991	3 January 1992
Antigua and Barbuda (accession)	9 February 1987	9 May 1987
Argentina (ratification)	5 December 1979	25 May 1980
Australia (accession)	17 August 1983	17 November 1983
Austria (accession)	27 May 1988	27 August 1988
Azerbaijan (accession)	1 July 1997	1 October 1997
Bahamas (accession)	16 February 1979	25 May 1980
Bahrain (accession)	21 October 1985	21 January 1986
Bangladesh (accession)	6 November 1981	6 February 1982
Barbados (accession)	1 September 1982	1 December 1982
Belarus (acceptance)	7 January 1994	7 April 1994
Belgium (ratification)	24 September 1979	25 May 1980
Belize (accession)	2 April 1991	2 July 1991
Benin (accession)	1 November 1985	1 February 1986
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (accession)	4 June 1999	4 September 1999
Brazil (accession)	22 May 1980	25 May 1980
Brunei Darussalam (accession)	23 October 1986	23 January 1987
Bulgaria (approval)	2 November 1983	2 February 1984
Cambodia (accession)	28 November 1994	28 February 1995
Cameroon (accession)	14 May 1984	14 August 1984
Canada (accession)	8 May 1978	25 May 1980
Cabo Verde (accession)	28 April 1977	25 May 1980
Chile (ratification)	28 March 1980	25 May 1980
China (ratification)[1, 8]	7 January 1980	25 May 1980
Colombia (accession)	31 October 1980	31 January 1981
Comoros (accession)	22 November 2000	22 February 2001
Congo (ratification)	10 September 1985	10 December 1985
Cook Islands (accession)	30 June 2003	30 September 2003
Costa Rica (accession)[1]	6 June 2011	6 September 2011
Côte d'Ivoire (accession)	5 October 1987	5 January 1988
Croatia (succession)	-	8 October 1991
Cuba (accession)	19 June 1992	19 September 1992
Cyprus (accession)	11 October 1985	11 January 1986
Czechia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Dominica (accession)	21 June 2000	21 September 2000
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (accession)	1 May 1985	1 August 1985
Democratic Republic of the Congo (accession)	17 December 2004	17 March 2005
Denmark (ratification)	8 March 1978	25 May 1980
Djibouti (accession)	1 March 1984	1 June 1984
Dominican Republic (accession)	10 April 1980	25 May 1980
Ecuador (accession)	28 May 1982	28 August 1982
Egypt (ratification)	4 September 1981	4 December 1981
Equatorial Guinea (accession)	24 April 1996	24 July 1996
Eritrea (accession)	22 April 1996	22 July 1996
Estonia (accession)	16 December 1991	16 March 1992
Ethiopia (accession)	18 July 1985	18 October 1985
Fiji (accession)	4 March 1983	4 June 1983
Finland (accession)	21 November 1980	21 February 1981
France (approval)[1]	25 May 1977	25 May 1980
Gabon (accession)	21 January 1982	21 April 1982
Gambia (accession)	1 November 1991	1 February 1992
Georgia (accession)	19 April 1994	19 July 1994
Germany (ratification)[1, 3]	26 March 1979	25 May 1980
Ghana (ratification)	19 May 1983	19 August 1983

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Greece (acceptance)	12 May 1980	25 May 1980
Grenada (accession)	28 June 2004	28 September 2004
Guatemala (accession)	20 October 1982	20 January 1983
Guinea (accession)	19 January 1981	19 April 1981
Guinea-Bissau (accession)	24 October 2016	24 January 2017
Guyana (accession)	10 December 1997	10 March 1998
Haiti (accession)	6 April 1989	6 July 1989
Honduras (accession)	24 September 1985	24 December 1985
Hungary (approval)	9 January 1980	25 May 1980
Iceland (acceptance)	6 July 1983	6 October 1983
India (accession)	16 June 1976	25 May 1980
Indonesia (acceptance)	17 February 1981	17 May 1981
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (ratification)	17 October 1994	17 January 1995
Iraq (accession)	14 December 1990	14 March 1991
Ireland (acceptance)	29 November 1983	29 February 1984
Israel (ratification)	15 May 1979	25 May 1980
Italy (accession)	11 June 1980	11 September 1980
Jamaica (accession)	14 October 1983	14 January 1984
Japan (accession)	15 May 1980	25 May 1980
Jordan (accession)[1]	7 August 1985	7 November 1985
Kazakhstan (accession)	7 March 1994	7 June 1994
Kenya (accession)	21 July 1999	21 October 1999
Kiribati (accession)	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kyrgyzstan (accession)	15 October 2026	15 January 2027
Kuwait (accession)[1]	29 June 1979	25 May 1980
Latvia (accession)	20 May 1992	20 August 1992
Lebanon (accession)	29 November 1983	29 February 1984
Liberia (ratification)	14 November 1977	25 May 1980
Libya (accession)	2 July 1981	2 October 1981
Lithuania (accession)	4 December 1991	4 March 1992
Luxembourg (accession)	14 February 1991	14 May 1991
Madagascar (accession)	7 March 1996	7 June 1996
Malawi (accession)	9 March 1993	9 June 1993
Malaysia (accession)	19 October 1983	19 January 1984
Maldives (accession)	14 January 1981	14 April 1981
Malta (accession)	8 August 1986	8 November 1986
Marshall Islands (accession)	26 April 1988	26 July 1988
Mauritania (accession)	24 November 1997	24 February 1998
Mauritius (accession)	1 February 1988	1 May 1988
Mexico (acceptance)	28 March 1977	25 May 1980
Moldova (accession)	11 October 2005	11 January 2006
Monaco (signature)	1 November 1974	25 May 1980
Mongolia (accession)	26 June 2002	26 September 2002
Montenegro (succession)[9, 10]	-	3 June 2006
Morocco (accession)	28 June 1990	28 September 1990
Mozambique (accession)	23 December 1996	23 March 1997
Myanmar (accession)	11 November 1987	11 February 1988
Namibia (accession)	27 November 2000	27 February 2001
Nauru (accession)	18 June 2018	18 September 2018
Netherlands (accession)[4]	10 July 1978	25 May 1980
New Zealand (accession)[5]	23 February 1990	23 May 1990
Nicaragua (accession)	17 December 2004	17 March 2005
Nigeria (accession)	7 May 1981	7 August 1981
Niue (accession)	27 June 2012	27 September 2012
Norway (ratification)	15 February 1977	25 May 1980
Oman (accession)	25 April 1985	25 July 1985
Pakistan (accession)	10 April 1985	10 July 1985
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Panama (accession)	9 March 1978	25 May 1980
Papua New Guinea (accession)	12 November 1980	12 February 1981
Paraguay (accession)	15 June 2004	15 September 2004
Peru (accession)	4 December 1979	25 May 1980
Philippines (accession)	15 December 1981	15 March 1982

Poland (ratification)	15 March 1984	15 June 1984
Portugal (ratification)[7]	7 November 1983	7 February 1984
Qatar (accession)	22 December 1980	22 March 1981
Republic of Korea (ratification)	31 December 1980	31 March 1981
Romania (accession)	24 May 1979	25 May 1980
Russian Federation (acceptance) [6]	9 January 1980	25 May 1980
Saint Kitts and Nevis (accession)	11 June 2004	11 September 2004
Saint Lucia (accession)	20 May 2004	20 August 2004
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (accession)	28 October 1983	28 January 1984
Samoa (accession)	14 March 1997	14 June 1997
San Marino (accession)	19 April 2021	19 July 2021
São Tomé and Principe (accession)	29 October 1998	29 January 1999
Saudi Arabia (accession)	24 April 1985	24 July 1985
Senegal (accession)	16 January 1997	16 April 1997
Serbia (succession)[9, 10]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles (accession)	10 May 1988	10 August 1988
Sierra Leone (accession)	13 August 1993	13 November 1993
Singapore (accession)	16 March 1981	16 June 1981
Slovakia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Slovenia (succession)	-	25 June 1991
Solomon Islands (accession)	30 June 2004	30 September 2004
Somalia (accession)	16 March 2020	16 June 2020
South Africa (accession)	23 May 1980	25 May 1980
Spain (ratification)	5 September 1978	25 May 1980
Sri Lanka (accession)	30 August 1983	30 November 1983
Sudan (accession)	15 May 1990	15 August 1990
Suriname (accession)	4 November 1988	4 February 1989
Sweden (acceptance)	7 July 1978	25 May 1980
Switzerland (ratification)	1 October 1981	1 January 1982
Syrian Arab Republic (accession)	20 July 2001	20 October 2001
Thailand (accession)	18 December 1984	18 March 1985
Timor-Leste	12 October 2022	12 January 2023
Togo (accession)	19 July 1989	19 October 1989
Tonga (accession)	12 April 1977	25 May 1980
Trinidad and Tobago (accession)	15 February 1979	25 May 1980
Tunisia (accession)	6 August 1980	6 November 1980
Türkiye (accession)	31 July 1980	31 October 1980
Turkmenistan (accession)	4 February 2009	4 May 2009
Tuvalu (accession)	22 August 1985	22 November 1985
Uganda (accession)	3 April 2019	3 July 2019
Ukraine (signature)	1 November 1974	25 May 1980
United Arab Emirates (accession)	15 December 1983	15 March 1984
United Kingdom (ratification)[2]	7 October 1977	25 May 1980
United Republic of Tanzania (accession)	28 March 2001	28 June 2001
United States (ratification)	7 September 1978	25 May 1980
Uruguay (accession)	30 April 1979	25 May 1980
Vanuatu (accession)	28 July 1982	28 October 1982
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (ratification)	29 March 1983	29 June 1983
Viet Nam (accession)	18 December 1990	18 March 1991
Yemen (accession)	6 March 1979	25 May 1980

Number of Contracting States: 169

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[1] For the text of a declaration, reservation or statement, see section III.

[Footnotes continued]

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[2] Ratification by the United Kingdom was declared to be effective in respect of:

		Effective from
Hong Kong*	)	25 May 1980
Isle of Man	)	1 July 1985
Cayman Islands	)	23 June 1988
Bermuda	)	23 June 1988
Gibraltar	)	1 December 1988
Bailiwick of Jersey		
Bailiwick of Guernsey	)	30 January 2004
Falkland Islands**		
Alderney		
Anguilla	)	19 May 2004
Montserrat		
British Virgin Islands	)	10 June 2004
St. Helena		
Turks and Caicos Islands	)	7 July 2004

* Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997

** The depositary received a communication dated 4 September 2009 from the Embassy of the Argentine Republic in London. The communication, circulated by the depositary, is as follows:
"The Argentine Government recalls that the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the Argentine Republic's territory and that, being illegitimately occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, they are subject to a sovereignty dispute between both countries, which is recognized by the United Nations and by other international organizations.
In that respect, it recalls that the General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which it recognizes the existence of the sovereignty dispute to which the "Question of the Malvinas Islands" refers and urges the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations in order to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the dispute as soon as possible. In turn, the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization has repeatedly urged them to do likewise, most recently through its resolution of 18 June 2009. Furthermore, on 4 June 2009, the General Assembly of the Organization of American States issued a similar decision on the Question. Accordingly, the Argentine Government rejects and objects to the attempts by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to apply the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, to the Malvinas Islands.
The Argentine Government reaffirms its legitimate sovereign rights over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas."

[3] On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Convention on 15 March 1979.

[4] Accession by the Netherlands was declared to be effective in respect of the Netherlands Antilles* and, with effect from 1 January 1986, in respect of Aruba.

* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from **10 October 2010**. The Netherlands Antilles formerly comprised five islands, i.e. Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. Curaçao and Sint Maarten are now separate autonomous countries within the Kingdom; whereas Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba are now public entities and, as such, part of the Netherlands, constituting the Caribbean part of the Netherlands. Since 10 October 2010, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. In principle, all international agreements ratified by the Kingdom, for the Netherlands Antilles, including reservations made, continue to apply to the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, and the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba). The Convention applies as follows:

SOLAS 1974		**Effective from**
The Netherlands (European part)	)	25 May 1980
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	1 January 1986
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

[5] Accession by New Zealand was declared not to extend to Tokelau.

[6] As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Convention is continued by the Russian Federation.

[7] Applies to Macau with effect from 24 August 1999.*
* Ceased to apply to Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.

[8] Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997 and to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

[9] As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. The date of succession by Serbia and Montenegro to the Convention is the date on which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia assumed responsibility for its international relations.

[10] Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wishes to succeed to this Convention with effect from the same date, ie. 3 June 2006.

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

CHINA

At the time of signature of the Convention the representative of the People's Republic of China made the following statement:

[Translation]

"1. The People's Republic of China reserves the right to rationally implement, in conformity with the conditions of China, the regulations concerning fire detection and fire protection for tankers and passenger ships stipulated in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974."

"2. The so-called 'signing on the Convention by the perished Saigon puppet regime is illegal and null and void, and the sole legitimate representative of the South Vietnamese people is the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam."

COSTA RICA

The instrument of accession of Costa Rica contained the following declaration:

[Translation]

"Article 3 of the act approving accession to this Convention establishes that 'It is the interpretation of the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, in relation to article VIII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, that the amendments mentioned shall enter into force for the country once they have been approved by the Legislative Assembly and ratified by the executive authority."

FRANCE

The instrument of approval of the French Republic contained the following declaration:

[Translation]

"Article VIII, paragraph (d)(i): the Government of the French Republic enters a reservation concerning article VIII, paragraph (d)(i), to the effect that it will not recognize any invocation of that provision against it in respect of its own ships as the provision is contrary to international law."

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The instrument of ratification of the Federal Republic of Germany was accompanied by a declaration (in the English language) "that with effect from the day on which the Convention enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany it shall also apply to Berlin (West)".

JORDAN[1]

The instrument of accession of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was accompanied by the following reservation:

"The accession by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea in no way means recognition of or entry into treaty regulations with Israel under the Said Convention."

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[1] The depositary received the following communication dated 6 November 1985 from the Ambassador of Israel in London:

"The Government of the State of Israel has noted that the instrument of accession deposited by the

Government of Jordan contains a declaration of a political character in respect of Israel. In the view of the Government of the State of Israel, this Convention is not the proper place for making such political pronouncements, which are in flagrant contradiction to the principles and purposes of the Convention. Moreover, the statement by the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon it under general international law or under particular conventions. Insofar as the substance of the matter is concerned, the Government of the State of Israel will adopt towards the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan an attitude of complete reciprocity."

KUWAIT[1]

The instrument of accession of the State of Kuwait was accompanied by an Understanding (in the English language), the text of which reads as follows:

"It is understood that the accession of the State of Kuwait to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, done at London on the 1st of November 1974 ... does not in any way mean recognition of Israel by the State of Kuwait. Furthermore, no treaty relations will arise between the State of Kuwait and Israel."

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[1] The depositary received the following communication dated 3 December 1979 from the Ambassador of Israel in London:

"The instrument of accession deposited by the Government of the State of Kuwait was accompanied by a statement of a political character in respect of Israel. In the view of the Government of Israel, this Convention is not the proper place for making such political pronouncements. Moreover, the said declaration cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon Kuwait under general international law or under particular conventions. The Government of Israel will, so far as concerns the substance of the matter, adopt towards the Government of the State of Kuwait an attitude of complete reciprocity."

IV. Amendments

(1) 1981 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV, V, VI) Amendments MSC.1(XLV)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-fifth session (November 1981) adopted by resolution MSC.1(XLV), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV, V and VI of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 September 1984 unless, prior to 1 March 1984, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the date of entry into force of the amendments was accordingly 1 September 1984.

C. Statements

Brazil:

"1. This Administration is applying its best endeavours in order to have Brazilian merchant ships comply with the requirements of the first set of amendments to SOLAS-74, specially with respect to regulation 29 of chapter II-1; regulations 17, 20, 60 and 62 of chapter II-2; and regulation 12 of chapter V, in force since the 1st of September 1984.

"2. Full compliance with the provisions of the said amendments has not yet been possible. This is due not only to the economic aspects involved in the alterations in themselves, but especially because the amendments require for their implementation the laying up of a considerable number of ships.

"3. Due to these and other considerations, this Administration deems it necessary, in order to achieve full compliance with the provision of the above mentioned regulations of the first set of amendments to SOLAS-74, to establish December 31st 1986 as the date on which these regulations shall enter into force for all Brazilian merchant ships. All Safety Certificates will have attachments specifying which regulations have not been complied with and the date for compliance.

"4. This Administration relies on the spirit of understanding that underlines the purpose of the Organization ..."

(2) 1983 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV, VII) Amendments (MSC.6(48))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-eighth session (June 1983) adopted by resolution MSC.6(48), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV III VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1986 unless, prior to 1 January 1986, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1986.

(3) 1987 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.10(54))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-fourth session (April 1987) adopted by resolution MSC.10(54), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 30 October 1988 unless, prior to 29 April 1988, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 30 October 1988.

(4) 1988 (Chapter II-1) Amendments (MSC.11(55))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-fifth session (April 1988) adopted by resolution MSC.11(55), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to regulations 23-2 and 42-1 of chapter II-1 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 22 October 1989 unless, prior to 21 April 1989, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 22 October 1989.

(5) 1988 (Chapter II-1) Amendments (MSC.12(56))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-sixth session (October 1988) adopted by resolution MSC.12(56), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to regulations 8, 20-1 and 22 of chapter II-1 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 29 April 1990 unless, prior to 28 October 1989, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 29 April 1990.

(6) 1988 (GMDSS) Amendments (CONF)

A. Adoption

A Conference of Contracting Governments to the Convention convened in accordance with article VIII of the Convention and held at London in October/November 1988 adopted amendments to the Convention concerning Radiocommunications for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System.

B. Entry into force

The Conference determined, in accordance with article VIII(c)(iii) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted and shall enter into force in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 1990, unless by that date one-third of the Contracting Governments, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, notify the Secretary-General of the Organization that they object to the amendments;

(b) The amendments which are deemed to have been accepted in accordance with paragraph (a) shall enter into force with respect to all Contracting Governments except those which have objected to the amendments under paragraph (a) and which have not withdrawn such objections, on 1 February 1992.

As at 1 February 1990, only one objection[1] had been communicated to the Secretary-General. Therefore, in accordance with article VIII(c)(iii) of the Convention, the amendments were deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 1990 and accordingly entered into force on 1 February 1992.

(7) 1989 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV, V, VII) Amendments (MSC.13(57))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-seventh session (April 1989) adopted by resolution MSC.13(57), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-l, II-2, III, IV, V and VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 February 1992 unless, prior to 31 July 1991, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 February 1992.

(8) 1989 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.14(57))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-seventh session (April 1989) adopted by resolution MSC.14(57), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 13 October 1990 unless, prior to 12 April 1990, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 13 October 1990.

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[1] Objection received from Romania

(9) 1990 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.16(58))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-eighth session (May 1990) adopted by resolution MSC.16(58), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date six months after the conditions for the entry into force of both the 1988 SOLAS Protocol and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol are met, provided that the date of acceptance is not before 1 August 1991, unless prior to that date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the

Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments and shall enter into force six months after their deemed acceptance. The conditions for the entry into force of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol having been met on 2 February 1999, the deemed acceptance date for the amendments was 3 August 1999. As at 3 August 1999, one objection[1] had been communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 3 February 2000.

(10) 1990 (IGC Code) Amendments (MSC.17(58))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-eighth session (May 1990) adopted by resolution MSC.17(58), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(bb) and (vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date six months after the conditions for the entry into force of both the 1988 SOLAS Protocol and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol are met, provided that the date of acceptance is not before 1 August 1991, unless prior to that date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, notified their objections to the amendments and shall enter into force six months after their deemed acceptance. The conditions for the entry into force of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol having been met on 2 February 1999, the deemed acceptance date for the amendments was 3 August 1999. As at 3 August 1999 one objection[2] had been communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments therefore entered into force on 3 February 2000.

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[1, 2] The depositary received, on 27 July 1999, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"… the Embassy hereby informs that the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to the fact that the amendments contradict, to some extent, with the legislation in force.

The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland intends to be able to withdraw its objection so that the amendments could enter into force for Finland on 3 February 2000, i.e. on the date they shall enter into force also for other Parties. "

On 20 December 1999 the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland, as follows:

"… the legislative amendments necessary to the acceptance of the aforementioned amendments have now been carried out in Finland.

The Embassy has, therefore, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland is now able to withdraw its objection concerning the aforementioned amendments."

(11) 1990 (Chapter II-1) Amendments (MSC.19(58))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-eighth session (May 1990) adopted by resolution MSC.19(58), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapter II-1 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 February 1992 unless, prior to 31 July 1991, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 February 1992.

(12) 1991 (Chapters II-2, III, V, VI, VII) Amendments (MSC.22(59))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-ninth session (May 1991) adopted by resolution MSC.22(59), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-2, III, V, VI and VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 1994 unless, prior to 1 July 1993, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 1994.

(13) 1992 (Chapter II-2) Amendments (MSC.24(60))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixtieth session (April 1992) adopted by resolution MSC.24(60), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapter II-2 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 October 1994 unless, prior to 1 April 1994, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 October 1994.

(14) 1992 (Chapter II-1) Amendments (MSC.26(60))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixtieth session (April 1992) adopted by resolution MSC.26(60), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapter II-1 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 October 1994 unless, prior to 1 April 1994, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 1 April 1994, only one objection[1] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 October 1994.

(15) 1992 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV) Amendments (MSC.27(61))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-first session (December 1992) adopted by resolution MSC.27(61), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, II-2, III and IV of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 October 1994 unless, prior to 1 April 1994, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 October 1994.

C. Statements

Egypt:

"... the Egyptian Ministry for Maritime Transportation accepts these amendments with reservation that their date of application will be 1 October 1995 instead of 1 October 1994, for the implementation on the date specified in the amendments will result in tremendous financial burden to the national shipyard."

(16) 1992 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.28(61))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-first session (December 1992) adopted by resolution MSC.28(61), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1994 unless, prior to 1 January 1994, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1994.

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1 Objection received from the United Kingdom

(17) 1992 (IGC Code) Amendments (MSC.30(61))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-first session (December 1992) adopted by resolution MSC.30(61), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1994 unless, prior to 1 January 1994, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1994.

(18) 1994 (Chapters V, II-2) Amendments (MSC.31(63))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-third session (May 1994) adopted by resolution MSC.31(63), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters V and II-2 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

The Maritime Safety Committee determined, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that:

(a) the amendments set out in Annex 1 to the resolution shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 1995, and

(b) the amendments set out in Annex 2 to the resolution shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1998;

unless, prior to these dates, 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 per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments.

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention:

(a) the amendments set out in Annex 1 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 January 1996;

(b) the amendments set out in Annex 2 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 July 1998;

upon their deemed acceptance under the above-mentioned conditions.

No such notification was received and the amendments set out in Annex 1 to the resolution accordingly entered into force on 1 January 1996. The amendments set out in Annex 2 accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(19) 1994 (IGC Code) Amendments (MSC.32(63))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-third session (May 1994) adopted by resolution MSC.32(63), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless, prior to 1 January 1998, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(20) 1994 (new Chapters IX, X, XI) Amendments (CONF)

A. Adoption

A Conference of Contracting Governments to the Convention adopted on 24 May 1994, in accordance with article VIII(c)(ii) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (new chapters IX, X and XI).

B. Entry into force

The Conference determined, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that:

(a) the amendments set out in Annex 1 to the resolution shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 1995; and

(b) the amendments set out in Annex 2 to the resolution shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1998,

unless, prior to these dates, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments.

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention:

(a) the amendments set out in Annex 1 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 January 1996; and

(b) the amendments set out in Annex 2 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 July 1998,

upon their deemed acceptance in accordance with the above-mentioned conditions.

No such notification was received and the amendments set out in Annex 1 to the resolution accordingly entered into force on 1 January 1996. The amendments set out in Annex 2 accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

C. Statements

Panama:

[Translation]

"We take this opportunity to inform you that, in accordance with article VIII, paragraph (b)(vii)(2) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, our Administration is exempted for a period of one year, to run from 1 January 1996, from the obligation to bring into effect the amendment relating to regulation 1, chapter XI of the 1974 SOLAS Convention which was adopted on 24 May 1994.

We have taken this measure in view of the fact that some of the organizations authorized by Panama in accordance with article I/6 and which are in the process of fulfilling the provisions of resolution A.739(18), require additional time in which to submit to our Administration evidence of meeting the requirements laid down in that resolution, and we have therefore deemed it appropriate to grant this extension."

(21) 1994 (Chapters VI, VII) Amendments (MSC.42(64))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-fourth session (December 1994) adopted by resolution MSC.42(64), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters VI and VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1996 unless, prior to 1 January 1996, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1996.

(22) 1995 (Chapter V) Amendments (MSC.46(65))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-fifth session (May 1995) adopted by resolution MSC.46(65), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapter V of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 1997 unless, prior to 1 July 1996, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which

constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 1997.

(23) 1995 (Chapters II-I, II-2, III, IV, V, VI) Amendments (CONF)

A. Adoption

A Conference of Contracting Governments to the Convention adopted on 29 November 1995, in accordance with article VIII(c)(ii) of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV, V and VI of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Conference, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1997 unless, prior to 1 January 1997, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1997.

(24) 1996 (Chapters II-1, III, VI, XI) Amendments (MSC.47(66))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-sixth session (June 1996) adopted by resolution MSC.47(66), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, III, VI and XI of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless, prior to 1 January 1998, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

C. Statements

Greece:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the International Maritime Organization and have the honour to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General that, in application of article VII Section (VII)(2) paragraph b of SOLAS 1974, Greece exempts herself of the application of Decisions MSC 47/66 and MSC 57/67, relevant to the changes of the Annex of the aforementioned agreement, for a period of one (1) year i.e. up to the 1st of July 1999, for reasons that relay to obligations deriving from contracts prior to the amendments as well as to the fact that ships under construction are subject to rules regarding identical ships already delivered under prior conditions."

(25) 1996 (Resolution A.744(18)) Amendments (MSC.49(66))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-sixth session (June 1996) adopted by resolution MSC.49(66), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution A.744(18)).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless, prior to 1 January 1998, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(26) 1996 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.50(66))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-sixth session (June 1996) adopted by resolution MSC.50(66), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless, prior to 1 January 1998, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(27) 1996 (Chapters II-1, II-2, V) Amendments (MSC.57(67))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-seventh session (December 1996) adopted by resolution MSC.57(67), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, II-2 and V of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless, prior to 1 January 1998, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

C. Statements

Greece:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the International Maritime Organization and have the honour to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General that, in application of article VII Section (VII)(2) paragraph b of SOLAS 1974, Greece exempts herself of the application of Decisions MSC 47/66 and MSC 57/67, relevant to the changes of the Annex of the aforementioned agreement, for a period of one (1) year i.e. up to the 1st of July 1999, for reasons that relay to obligations deriving from contracts prior to the amendments as well as to the fact that ships under construction are subject to rules regarding identical ships already delivered under prior conditions."

(28) 1996 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.58(67))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-seventh session (December 1996) adopted by resolution MSC.58(67), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless, prior to 1 January 1998, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(29) 1996 (IGC Code) Amendments (MSC.59(67))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-seventh session (December 1996) adopted by resolution MSC.59(67), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless, prior to 1 January 1998, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(30) 1997 (Chapters II-1, V) Amendments MSC.65(68)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-eighth session (June 1997) adopted by resolution MSC.65(68), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1 and V of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1999 unless, prior to 1 January 1999, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1999.

(31) 1997 (new Chapter XII, resolution A.744(18)) Amendments (CONF)

A. Adoption

A Conference of Contracting Governments to the Convention adopted on 27 November 1997, in accordance with article VIII(c)(ii) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (new chapter XII and amendments to resolution A.744(18)).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Conference, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1999 unless, prior to 1 January 1999, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1999.

(32) 1998 (Chapters II-1, IV, VI, VII) Amendments (MSC.69(69))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-ninth session (May 1998) adopted by resolution MSC.69(69), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, IV, VI and VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(33) 1999 (Chapter VII) Amendments (MSC.87(71))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-first session (May 1999) adopted by resolution MSC.87(71), in accordance with article VIII of the Convention, amendments to chapter VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2001 unless, prior to 1 July 2000, 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 per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. As at 1 July 2000, no such objection had been communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2001.

(34) 2000 (Chapter III) Amendments (MSC.91(72))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-second session (May 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.91(72), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to chapter III of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2002 unless, prior to 1 July 2001, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2002.

(35) 2000 (Chapters II-1, II-2, V, IX and X) Amendments (MSC.99(73))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-third session (December 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.99(73), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to chapters II-1, II-2, V, IX and X of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 31 December 2001, one objection[1] was communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(36) 2000 (FTP Code) amendments (MSC.101(73))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-third session (December 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.101(73), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) and regulation II-2/3.23 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, amendments to Annexes I and II to the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections

to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

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[1] On 19 December 2001, the depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to the fact that the amendments contradict, to some extent, the existing national legislation. The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland intends to be able to withdraw its objection so that the amendments would enter into force for Finland on 1 July 2002, upon their deemed acceptance under the above-mentioned conditions. "

On 2 January 2003, the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland, as follows:

"… the necessary legislative procedure has been carried out and the aforementioned amendments have been accepted by the Government on 30 December 2002. The relevant legislation will enter into force in Finland on 1 February 2003. The Government of Finland is now thus in a position to withdraw its objection as of 1 February 2003."

(37) 2000 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.102(73))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-third session (December 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.102(73), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(38) 2000 (IGC Code) Amendments (MSC.103(73))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-third session (December 2000) accepted by resolution MSC.103(73), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(39) 2000 (ISM Code) Amendments (MSC.104(73))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-third session (December 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.104(73), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(40) 2000 (Resolution A.744(18)) Amendments (MSC.105(73))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-third session (December 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.105(73), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution A.744(18)).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(41) 2001 (Chapter VII) Amendments (MSC.117(74))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-fourth session (June 2001) adopted by resolution MSC.117(74), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2003, unless, prior to 1 July 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2003.

(42) 2001 (INF Code) Amendments (MSC.118(74))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-fourth session (June 2001) adopted by resolution MSC.118(74), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board Ships (INF Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2003 unless, prior to 1 July 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2003.

(43) 2001 (1994 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.119(74))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-fourth session (June 2001) adopted by resolution MSC.119(74), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 1994 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2003 unless, prior to 1 July 2002, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2003.

(44) 2002 (Chapters IV, V, VI and VII) Amendments (MSC.123(75))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-fifth session (May 2002) adopted by resolution MSC.123(75), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters IV,V,VI and VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2004, unless, prior to 1 July 2003, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2004.

(45) 2002 (Resolution A.744(18)) Amendments (MSC.125(75))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-fifth session (May 2002) adopted by resolution MSC.125(75), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution A.744(18)).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2004, unless, prior to 1 July 2003, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on
1 January 2004.

(46) 2002 (Technical provisions for means of access for inspections) Amendments (MSC.133(76))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-sixth session (December 2002) adopted by resolution MSC.133(76) Technical provisions for means of access for inspections.

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee the Technical provisions took effect on 1 January 2005, upon the entry into force of the new regulation II-1/3-6 of the Convention.

(47) 2002 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III and XII) Amendments (MSC.134(76))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-sixth session (December 2002), adopted by resolution MSC.134(76), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2, III and XII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2004, unless, prior to 1 January 2004, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2004.

(48) 2002 (INF Code) Amendments (MSC.135(76))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-sixth session (December 2002) adopted by resolution MSC.135(76), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on Board Ships (INF Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2004 unless, prior to 1 July 2004, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2004.

(49) 2002 (Chapters V, XI, new Chapter XI-2)Amendments to the Annex of the Convention

A. Adoption

A Conference of Contracting Governments to the Convention adopted on 12 December 2002, in accordance with article VIII(c)(ii) of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Convention (Chapters V, XI and new Chapter XI-2).

B. Entry into force

The Conference determined that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2004 unless, prior to 1 January 2004, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 31 December 2003, one objection[1]1 was communicated to the Secretary-General, and the

[1] On 23 December 2003, the depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

> "The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to the fact that the amendments contradict, to some extent, the existing national legislation. The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland intends to be able to withdraw its objection so that the amendments could enter into force for Finland on 1 July 2004, provided that the above-mentioned conditions for the acceptance and entry into force thereof have been fulfilled. The Government of Finland will not fail to inform the Secretary-General of any development in this respect."

On 11 June 2004" the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the amendments entered into force on 1 July 2004[1].

[2] The United States, in the light of the special role assumed by IMO under Regulation 13 of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 1974 in implementing the ISPS Code, has provided the following list of the ports of the United States territories and possessions with the relevant identification data for the purposes of compliance with the ISPS Code:

Territories Ports	**Port**	**Position**
American Samoa	Pago Pago	14º17'S 170º40'W
Guam	Apra Harbor	13º27'N 144º37'E
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Tinian	14º58'N 145º37'E
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Rota		14º08'N 145º09'E
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Saipan		15º12'N 145º41'E
U.S. Minor Outlying Islands		
Johnston Atoll	Johnston Island	16º45'N 169º31'W
Midway Islands	Sand Island	28º11'N 177º22'W
Wake Island	Wake Island	19º17'N 166º37'E
Jarvis Island	Jarvis Island	00º23'S 160º01'W
Kingman Reef	Kingman Reef	06º23'N 162º23'W
Howland Island	Howland Island	00º48'N 176º38'W
Baker Island	Baker Island	00º12'N 176º29'W
Palmyra Island	West Lagoon	05º53'N 162º05'W
Puerto Rico	San Juan	18º28'N 066º07'W
Puerto Rico	Guanica	17º57'N 066º54'W
Puerto Rico	Guayanilla	18º00'N 066º46'W
Puerto Rico	Ponce	17º58'N 066º37'W
Puerto Rico	Fajardo	18º20'N 065º38'W
Puerto Rico	Arecibo	18º29'N 066º42'W
Puerto Rico	Mayaguez	18º13'N 067º12'W
U.S. Virgin Islands		
St. Thomas	Charlotte Amalie	18º21'N 064º56'W
St. Thomas	Red Hook	18º20'N 064º51'W
St. Thomas	Port Alucroix	17º42'N 064º46'W
Saint Croix	Christiansted	17º45'N 064º42'W
Saint Croix	Frederiksted	17º43'N 064º53'W
Saint John	Cruz Bay	18º00'N 064º48'W

[1] "… the necessary legislative amendments have now been carried out and the Government of Finland has accepted the said amendments to the SOLAS Convention on 11 June 2004. The Government of Finland hereby withdraws its objection and the amendments shall enter into force also with respect to Finland on 1 July 2004."

(50) 2003 (Chapter V) Amendments (MSC.142(77))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-seventh session (June 2003) adopted, by resolution MSC.142(77), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter V of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(51) 2003 (Resolution A.744(18)) Amendments (MSC.144(77))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-seventh session (May/June 2003) adopted, by resolution MSC.144(77), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution A.744(18)).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article XIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and, as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2005, unless, prior to 1 July 2004, more than one-third of Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification of objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2005.

(52) 2004 (Chapter II-1) Amendments (MSC.151(78))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (May 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.151(78), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter II-1 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2006, unless, prior to 1 July 2005, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2006.

(53) 2004 (Chapters III and IV) Amendments (MSC.152(78))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (May 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.152(78), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters III and V of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(54) 2004 (Chapter V) Amendments (MSC.153(78))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (May 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.153(78), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter V of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 31 December 2005, three objections[1] were communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(55) 2004 (IMDG Code) Amendments (MSC.157(78))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (May 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.157(78), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2006, unless, prior to 1 July 2005, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2006.

The depositary received, on 15 December 2005, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"….. The Embassy informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to national procedural requirements. The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland intends to be able to withdraw its objection so that the amendments could enter into force for Finland on 1 July 2006, provided that the above-mentioned conditions for the acceptance and entry into force thereof have been fulfilled. "

The depositary received, on 23 December 2005, the following communication from the Royal Norwegian Embassy:

"Acting under instructions from the Norwegian Government, the Embassy regrets having to inform the Secretary-General that Norway has not completed the internal procedures necessary for formal acceptance of the said amendments prior to the tacit acceptance deadline of 1 January 2005. The issue is now before the Parliament, and a final decision is expected towards the end of January 2006. The Secretary-General will be immediately informed of the decision of the Parliament."

The depositary received, on 5 July 2006, the following communication from the Royal Norwegian Embassy:

" . Norway …..has completed the internal procedures necessary for formal acceptance of the said amendments …."

The amendments therefore entered into force for Norway on 5 July 2006.

The depositary received, on 22 December 2005, the following communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta:

"The Ministry wishes to inform that, after careful consideration of the said amendments, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2) of the Convention, the Government of Malta, as a Contracting Party to the said Convention, declares that it is not yet in a position to accept these amendments."

(56) 2004 Amendments to the technical provisions for means of access for inspections (MSC.158(78))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (May 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.158(78), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the technical provisions for means of access for inspections.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb)of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2006, unless, prior to 1 July 2005, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2006.

(57) 2004 Standards and criteria for side structures of bulk carriers of single-skin construction (MSC.168(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.168(79), for the purposes of the application of regulation XII/14 of the Convention, standards and criteria for side structures of bulk carriers of single-side skin construction..

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the standards shall take effect on 1 July 2006, upon the entry into force of the revised Chapter XII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, adopted under resolution MSC.170(79).

(58) 2004 Standards for owners' inspection and maintenance of bulk carrier hatch covers (MSC.169(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.169(79), for the purposes of the application of regulation XII/7 of the Convention, standards for owners' inspection and maintenance of bulk carrier hatch covers.

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the standards shall take effect on 1 July 2006, upon the entry into force of the revised Chapter XII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, adopted under resolution MSC.170(79).

(59) 2004 (Chapters II-1, III, V and XII) Amendments (MSC.170(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.170(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters II-1, III, V and XII, of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 31 December 2005, one objection[1] was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

[1] The depositary received, on 28 December 2005, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

(60) 2004 (FTP Code) Amendments (MSC.173(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.173(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Test Procedures (FTP Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(61) 2004 (1994 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.174(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.174(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(62) 2004 (2000 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.175(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.175(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

"The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to national procedural requirements…. Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out".
The Depositary further received, on 13 June 2012, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that its Government had fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entering into force of the aforementioned amendments and could thus withdraw its objection. The said amendments entered into force with respect to Finland on 15 June 2012.

(63) 2004 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.176(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.176(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 11 January 2007, unless, prior to 1 July 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2007.

(64) 2004 (IGC Code) Amendments (MSC.177(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.177(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(65) 2004 (INF Code) Amendments (MSC.178(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.178(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board Ships (INF Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) pf the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(66) 2004 (ISM Code) Amendments (MSC.179(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.179(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of

which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(67) 2005 (Chapters II-1, II-2, VI, IX, XI-1, XI-2 and appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.194(80))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eightieth session (May 2005) adopted, by resolution MSC.194(80), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, two sets of amendments, to Chapters II-1, II-2, VI, IX, XI-1 XI-2 and appendix to the Annex, of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the first set of amendments (to Chapter II-1, parts A, A-1, B and C of the Convention) shall enter into force on 1 January 2007, unless, prior to 1 July 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. With regard to the second set of amendments (to Chapter II-1, parts A, B, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4 and C; and Chapters II-2, IV, IX, XI-1, XI-2 and the amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the Convention) the Maritime Safety Committee determined that they shall enter into force on 1 January 2009, unless, prior to 1 July 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. With regard to the first set of amendments (to Chapter II-1, parts A, A-1, B and C of the Convention), no such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2007. With regard to the second set of amendments (to Chapter II-1, parts A, B, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4 and C; and Chapters II-2, IV, IX, XI-1, XI-2 and the amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the Convention), no such objection was received, and the amendments will accordingly enter into force on 1 January 2009.

(68) 2005 (ISM Code) Amendments (MSC.195(80))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eightieth session (May 2005) adopted, by resolution MSC.195(80), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2009, unless, prior to 1 July 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments, have accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2009.

(69) 2005 (ISPS Code) Amendments (MSC.196(80))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eightieth session (May 2005) adopted, by resolution MSC.196(80), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (ISPS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2009, unless, prior to 1 July 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments will accordingly enter into force on 1 January 2009.

(70) 2005 (Resolution A.744(18)) Amendments (MSC.197(80))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eightieth session (May 2005) adopted, by resolution MSC.197(80), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution A.744(18)).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2007, unless, prior to 1 July 2006, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2007.

(71) 2006 (Chapter II-2) Amendments (MSC.201(81))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (May 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.201(81), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter II-2 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, unless, prior to 1 January 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. As at 1 January 2010, one objection[1] had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2010.

(72) 2006 (Chapter V) Amendments (MSC.202(81))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (May 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.202(81), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter V of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2008, unless, prior to 1 July 2007, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. As at 1 July 2007, one objection[2] had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2008.

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[1] The depositary received, on 23 December 2009, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the amendments to the SOLAS Convention."

The Depositary further received, on 13 June 2012, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that its Government had fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entering into force of the aforementioned amendments and could thus withdraw its objection. The said amendments entered into force with respect to Finland on 15 June 2012.

[2] The depositary received, on 26 June 2007, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to national procedural requirements."

(73) 2006 (IMDG Code) Amendments (MSC.205(81))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (May 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.205(81), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2008, unless, prior to 1 July 2007, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2008.

(74) 2006 (FSS Code) Amendments (MSC.206(81))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (May 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.206(81), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, unless, prior to 1 January 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2010.

(75) 2006 (LSA Code) Amendments (MSC.207(81))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (May 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.207(81), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, unless, prior to 1 January 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 July 2010.

(76) 2006 (Resolution A.739(18)) Amendments (MSC.208(81))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (May 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.208(81), in
accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines for the authorization of organizations acting on behalf of the Administration.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, unless, prior to 1 January 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of

which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 July 2010.

(77) 2006 Performance standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double side skin spaces of bulk carriers (MSC.215(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted this Performance standard, by resolution MSC.215(82).

B. Entry into force

At the time of its adoption, the Maritime Safety Committee determined that the Performance standard would take effect on 1 July 2008, upon the entry into force of the amendments to regulations II-1/3-2 and XII/6 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974. adopted by resolution MSC.216(82).

(78) 2006 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III and XII and appendix) Amendments (MSC.216(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.216(82), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2, III, XII and the appendix of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2, III and XII and the appendix, set out in Annex 1 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 July 2008; that the amendments to Chapter II-1 set out in Annex 2 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 January 2009; and that the amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2 and III set out in Annex 3 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, unless, prior to 1 January 2008, 1 July 2008 and 1 January 2010 respectively, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. With regard to the amendments (to Chapters II-1, II-2, III, XII and the appendix) set out in Annex 1 to the resolution, no such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2008. With regard to the amendments (to Chapter II-1) set out in Annex 2 to the resolution, no such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2009. With regard to the amendments (to Chapters II-1, II-2 and III) set out in Annex 3 to the resolution, one objection[1] was received, and these amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 July 2010.

The depositary received, on 23 December 2009, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
1"The Embassy informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the amendments to the SOLAS Convention."
The depositary received, on 29 December 2017, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows: "The Embassy has the honour hereby to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entry into force of the aforementioned amendments and can thus withdraw

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[1] The depositary received, on 30 June 2009, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
" the Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments, due to national procedural requirements."
A further communication from the Embassy of Finland was received on 30 June 2011 informing the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland withdrew its objection to the above-mentioned amendments, the necessary legislative procedures for such acceptance having been carried out. Therefore, the mandatory parts of the Casualty Investigation Code apply to Finland with effect from 30 June 2011, the date on which the communication was received.

The depositary received, on 30 June 2009, a further communication from the Embassy of the United States of America: "The Government of the United States of America objects to the above-described to Chapter XI-1 of the Convention because certain provisions of the Code do not directly promote maritime safety and conflict with important aspects of U.S. domestic law and practice."

its objection."

(79) 2006 (FSS Code) Amendments (MSC.217(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.217(82), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments (to Chapters 4, 6, 7 and 9 of the Code) set out in Annex 1 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 July 2008 and the amendments to Chapter 9 of the Code set out in Annex 2 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 July 2010 unless, prior to 1 January 2008 and 1 January 2010 respectively, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. With regard to the amendments (to Chapters 4, 6, 7 and 9)set out in Annex 1, no such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2010.

(80) 2006 (LSA Code) Amendments (MSC.218(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.218(82), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2008, unless, prior to 1 January 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2008.

(81) 2006 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.219(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.219(82), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 1 January 2009, unless, prior to 1 July 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2009.

(82) 2006 (IGC Code) Amendments (MSC.220(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.220(82), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2008, unless, prior to 1 January 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2008.

(83) 2006 (1994 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.221(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.221(82), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 1994 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2008 unless, prior to 1 January 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2008.

(84) 2006 (2000 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.222(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.222(82), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2008, unless, prior to 1 January 2008, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2008.

(85) 2007 (Chapters IV, VI and Appendix) amendments to the Convention (MSC.239(83))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (October 2007) adopted, by resolution MSC.239(83), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters IV and VI and the Appendix of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2009, unless, prior to 1 January 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2009.

(86) 2007(INF Code) Amendments (MSC.241(83))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (October 2007) adopted, by resolution MSC.241(83), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on Board Ships

(INF Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2009, unless, prior to 1 January 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2009.

(87) Code of the International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation into a Marine Casualty or Marine Incident (Casualty Investigation Code) (MSC.255(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.255(84), the Code of the International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation into a Marine Casualty or Marine Incident (Casualty Investigation Code).

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Code took effect on 1 January 2010, upon the entry into force of the amendments to regulation XI-1/6 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, adopted by the Maritime Safety Division on 16 May 2008, by resolution MSC.257(84).

(88) 2008 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV and appendix) Amendments (MSC.256(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.256(84), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV and the appendix of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to 1 July 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

(89) 2008 (Chapter XI-1) Amendments (MSC.257(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.257(84), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter XI-1 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to 1 July 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 30 June 2009 two objections [1] had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

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[1] On 13 June 2011, the Depositary received a communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows:
"The Embassy hereby informs, with reference to article VIII(b)(vi)(2) and (vii)(2) that, due to national procedural

(90) 2008 (1994 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.259(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.259(84), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 1994 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to 1 July 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

(91) 2008 (2000 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.260(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.260(84), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 2000 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to 1 July 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

(92) 2008 (Resolution A.744(18)) Amendments (MSC.261(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.261(84), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution A.744(18)).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to 1 July 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

(93) 2008 (IMDG Code) Amendments (MSC.262(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.262(84), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime

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requirements, Finland is obliged to object to the above-mentioned amendments. The Embassy has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland will not fail to inform the Secretary-General of any developments in this respect".

A communication was subsequently received from the Embassy of Finland on 23 December 2011 as follows: "The Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the aforementioned amendments and can thus withdraw its objection."

Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to 1 July 2009, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

(94) 2008 International Code on Intact Stability (2008 IS Code) (MSC.267(85))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fifth session (December 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.267(85), the International Code on Intact Stability (2008 IS Code).

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Code took effect on 1 July 2010, upon the entry into force of the amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, adopted, respectively, by resolutions MSC.269(85) and MSC.270(85).

(95) 2008 International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code (MSC.268(85))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fifth session (December 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.268(85), the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code.

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Code took effect on 1 January 2011, upon the entry into force of the amendments to chapters VI and VII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, adopted by resolution MSC.269(85). Please see below for information on these amendments.

(96) 2008 (Chapters II-1, II-2, VI and VII) Amendments (MSC.269(85))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (December 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.269(85), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2, VI and VII of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments (to Chapters II-1 and II-2) set out in Annex 1 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 July 2010 and the amendments (to Chapters II-2, VI and VII) set out in Annex 2 to the resolution shall enter into force on 1 January 2011 unless, prior to 1 January 2010 and 1 July 2010 respectively, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments.
With regard to the amendments (to Chapters II-1 and II-2) set out in Annex 1 to the resolution, one objection was received, and these amendments accordingly have entered into force on 1 July 2010. With regard to the amendments (to Chapters II-2, VI and VII) set out in Annex 2 to the resolution, one objection was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2011.

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[1] The depositary received, on 23 December 2009, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"The Embassy informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the amendments to the SOLAS Convention."

[2] The depositary received, on 30 June 2010, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments to the SOLAS convention due to national procedural requirements. The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out."

On 11 February 2015 the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland, as follows:
"… the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the 2008 IS Code, the IMSBC Code [and respective amendments] and can thus withdraw its objections. The 2008 IS Code, the IMSBC Code [and their respective amendments] shall therefore enter into force with respect to Finland on 16 February 2015."

(97) (2000 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.271(85))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-fifth session (December 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.271(85), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 2000 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2011, unless, prior to 1 July 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objection to the amendments. No such objection was received and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 January 2011.

(98) 2008 (LSA Code) Amendments (MSC.272(85))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (December 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.272(85), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, unless, prior to 1 January 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention, or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 1 January 2010, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2010.

(99) 2008 (ISM Code) Amendments (MSC.273(85))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fifth session (December 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.273(85), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010, unless, prior to 1 January 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 1 January 2010, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2010.

(100) 2009 (Chapters II-1, V, VI) Amendments (MSC.282.(86))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-sixth session (May-June 2009) adopted, by resolution MSC.282(86), in accordance with article VIII(b) of the Convention, amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2011, unless, prior to 1 July 2010, more than one-third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute more than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2011.

(101) 2010 International Goal-based Ship Construction standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers (MSC.287(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.287(87), the International Goal-based Ship Construction standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers.

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the International Goal-based Ship Construction standards took effect on 1 January 2012, upon entry into force of regulation II-1/3-10 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, adopted by the Maritime Safety Division on 21 May 2010, by resolution MSC.290(87).

(102) 2010 Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers (MSC.288(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.288(87), the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers.

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings took effect on 1 January 2012, upon entry into force of regulation II-1/3-11 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, adopted by the Maritime Safety Division on 21 May 2010, by resolution MSC.291(87).

(103) 2010 Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Alternative Means of Corrosion Protection for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers (MSC.289(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.289(87), the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Alternative Means of Corrosion Protection for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers.

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Performance Standard took effect on 1 January 2012, upon entry into force of regulation II-1/3-11 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, adopted by the Maritime Safety Division on 21 May 2010, by resolution MSC.291(87).

(104) 2010 (Chapter II-1) Amendments (MSC.290(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.290(87), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to chapter II-1 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2012, unless, prior 1 July 2011, 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. No such notification was received and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 January 2012.

(105) 2010 (Chapters II-1 and II-2) Amendments (MSC.291(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.291(87), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to chapters II-1 and II-2 of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2012, unless, prior 1 July 2011, 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. No such notification was received and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 January 2012.

(106) 2010 (FSS Code) Amendments (MSC.292(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.292(87), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2012, unless, prior 1 July 2011, 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2012.

(107) 2010 Amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code (MSC.293(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.293(87), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to the LSA Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2012, unless, prior 1 July 2011, 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2012.

(108) 2010 Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code (MSC.294(87))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (May 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.294(87), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to the IMDG Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2012, unless, prior 1 July 2011, 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. As at 1 July 2011, one objection[1] had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2012.

(109) 2010 FTP Code (MSC.307(88))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-eighth session (December 2010) adopted, by resolution (MSC.307(88), the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 (2010 FTP Code).

B. Entry into force

The 2010 FTP Code took effect on 1 July 2012 upon entry into force of the amendments to chapter II-2 of SOLAS 1974, which were adopted by the Committee under resolution MSC.308(88).

(110) 2010 amendments (chapters II 1, II 2 and V and appendix) (MSC.308(88))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-eighth session (December 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.308(88), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2012 unless, prior to 1 January 2012, 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. As at 1 January 2012, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2012.

(111) 2010 (FSS Code) Amendments (MSC.311(88))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-eighth session (December 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.311(88), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2012 unless, prior to 1 January 2012, 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. As at 1 January 2012, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2012.

(112) 2011 (Chapter III) Amendments (MSC.317(89))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-ninth session (May 2011) adopted, by resolution MSC.317(89), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2013 unless, prior to 1 July 2012, 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. As at 1 July 2012, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2013.

(113) 2011 (IMSBC) Code amendments (MSC.318(89))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-ninth session (May 2011) adopted, by resolution MSC.318(89), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2013 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2012, one objection[1] had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2013.

[1] On 26 June 2012, the Depositary received a communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows: “The Embassy hereby informs, with reference to article VIII(b)(vi)(2) and (vii)(2) of the SOLAS Convention that, due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to the above-mentioned amendments. The Embassy has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. ”

On 11 February 2015 the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland, as follows:
"… the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the 2008 IS Code, the IMSBC Code [and respective amendments] and can thus withdraw its objections. The 2008 IS Code, the IMSBC Code [and their respective amendments] shall therefore enter into force with respect to Finland on 16 February 2015."

(114) 2011 Amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code (MSC.320(89))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-ninth session (May 2011) adopted, by resolution MSC.320(89), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the LSA Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2013 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2012, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2013.

(115) 2012 (Chapter II-1) Amendments (MSC.325(90)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (May 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.325(90), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2014 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2013, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2014.

(116) 2012 (2000 HSC Code) Amendements (MSC.326(90)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (May 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.326(90), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the 2000 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2014 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2013, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2014.

(117) 2012 (FSS Code) Amendments (MSC.327(90)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (May 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.327(90), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2014 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2013, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2014.

(118) 2012 (IMDG Code) Amendments (MSC.328(90)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (May 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.328(90), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the IMDG Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2014 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2013, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2014.

(119) 2012 Amendments (MSC.338(91)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-first session (November 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.338(91), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2014 unless, prior to 1 January 2014, 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. As at 1 January 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2014.

(120) 2012 (FSS Code) Amendments (MSC.339(91)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-first session (November 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.339(91), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2014 unless, prior to 1 January 2014, 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. As at 1 January 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2014.

(121) 2012 (IBC Code) Amendments (MSC.340(91)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-first session (November 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.340(91), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 December 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 June 2014 unless, prior to 1 December 2013, 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. As at 1 December 2013, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 June 2014.

(122) 2012 Performance standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double side skin spaces of bulk carriers (MSC.341(91))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-first session (November 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.341(91), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Performance Standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double side skin spaces of bulk carriers.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2014 unless, prior to 1 January 2014, 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. As at 1 January 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2014.

(123) 2012 Performance standard for protective coatings for cargo oil tanks of crude oil tankers (MSC.342(91))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-first session (November 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.342(91), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Performance standard for protective coatings for cargo oil tanks of crude oil tankers.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2014 unless, prior to 1 January 2014, 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. As at 1 January 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2014.

(124) 2013 (Chapters III, V and XI-1)) Amendments (MSC.350(92))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-second session (June 2013) adopted, by resolution MSC.350(92), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2015 unless, prior to 1 July 2014, 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. As at 1 July 2014, one objection[1] had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2015.

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[1] The depositary received, on 20 June 2014, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"… due to European Commission conformity checking procedure, Finland is obliged to object to the amendments (MSC.350(92)).
The depositary received, on 31 December 2015, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"... the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the amendments (MSC.350(92)) ….and can thus withdraw its objection."

(125) 2013 (1994 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.351(92))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-second session (June 2013) adopted, by resolution MSC.351(92), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 1994 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2015 unless, prior to 1 July 2014, 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. As at 1 July 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2015.

(126) 2013 (2000 HSC Code) Amendments ((MSC.352(92))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-second session (June 2013) adopted, by resolution MSC.352(92), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 2000 International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft (2000 HSC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2015 unless, prior to 1 July 2014, 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. As at 1 July 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2015.

(127) 2013 (ISM Code) Amendments (MSC.353(92))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-second session (June 2013) adopted, by resolution MSC.353(92), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2015 unless, prior to 1 July 2014, 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. As at 1 July 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2015.

(128) 2013 (IMSBC) Code amendments (MSC.354(92))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-second session (June 2013) adopted, by resolution MSC.354(92), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the SOLAS Convention, amendments to theInternational Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code[1].

[1] On 20 June 2014, the Depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: “The Embassy hereby informs with reference to article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the SOLAS Convention that, due to national procedural requirements Finland is obliged to object to the above amendments.”

On 11 February 2015 the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland, as follows:
"… the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the 2008 IS Code, the

IMSBC Code [and respective amendments] and can thus withdraw its objections. The 2008 IS Code, the IMSBC Code [and their respective amendments] shall therefore enter into force with respect to Finland on 16 February 2015."

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2015 unless, prior to 1 July 2014, 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. Contracting Governments to the Convention may apply the amendments in whole or in part on a voluntary basis from 1 January 2014. As at 1 July 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2015.

(129) 2014 (chapters II-1 and II-2) amendments (MSC.365(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.365(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(130) 2014 (new chapter XIII) (to make the use of the III Code mandatory) amendments (MSC.366(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.366(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv), amendments to the Convention (new chapter XIII).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. As at 1 July 2015, one objection[1] had been received, and accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016.

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[1] The depositary received, on 26 May 2015, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments.

The depositary received, on 29 December 2017, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows: “The Embassy has the honour hereby to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entry into force of the aforementioned amendments and can thus withdraw its objection.”

(131) 2014 (FSS Code) amendments (MSC.367(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.367(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv)of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(132) 2014 (LSA Code) amendments (MSC.368(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.368(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the convention, amendments to the International Life Saving Appliances (LSA) Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(133) 2014 (IBC Code) amendments (MSC.369(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.369(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(134) 2014 (IGC Code) amendments (MSC.370(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.370(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(135) 2014 (2011 ESP Code) amendments (MSC.371(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.371(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the convention, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers 2011 ESP Code*.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

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* The 2011 ESP Code mandatorily superseded the Guidelines on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers (resolution A.744(18)) from 1 January 2014.

(136) 2014 (IMDG Code) amendments (MSC.372(93))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session (May 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.372(93), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to 1 July 2015, 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(137) 2014 (Chapters II-2, VI and XI-1 and Appendix) amendments (MSC.380(94))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session (November 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.380(94), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (Chapters II-2, VI and XI-1 and Appendix).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2016 unless, prior to 1 January 2016, 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. As at 1 January 2016, no objection had been received and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 July 2016.

(138) 2014 (2011 ESP Code) amendments (MSC.381(94))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session (November 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.381(94), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers (2011 ESP Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2016 unless, prior to 1 January 2016, 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. As at 1 January 2016, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2016.

(139) 2014 (new chapter XIV to make use of the safety provisions of the Polar Code mandatory) amendments (MSC.386(94))[1]

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session (November 2014) adopted, by resolution MSC.386(94), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (new chapter XIV) to make use of the safety provisions of the Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) mandatory.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to 1 July 2016, 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[1] to the amendments. As at 1 July 2016, two objections[1,2] was received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2017.

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[1] The depositary received, on 24 May 2016, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments ((MSC.386(94)). The objection was communicated by means of circular SLS.12/Circ.151.
The objection was subsequently withdrawn and a communication to this effect was received on 12 July 2017. The amendments entered into force for Finland on 1 January 2018.

[2] The Depositary received, on 29 November 2016, a communication from the High Commission of Canada informing that in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the SOLAS Convention, due to national procedural requirements, Canada is hereby exempting itself from giving effect to the amendments that introduce the provisions of the Polar Code into that Convention [MSC.386(94)], for a period not longer than one year from the date of entry into force of the amendments. The objection was communicated by means of circular SLS.12/Circ.151. The amendments, therefore, entered into force for Canada on 1 January 2018.

(140) 2015 (Chapters II-1, II-2 and Appendix) amendments (MSC.392(95))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fifth session (June 2015) adopted, by resolution MSC.392(95)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the convention, amendments to the Convention (Chapters II-1, II-2 and Appendix).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to 1 July 2016, 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. No such objection was received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2017.

[1] The Maritime Safety Committee, on 21 November 2014, adopted the safety-related provisions of the Introduction and the whole of parts I-A and I-B of the Polar Code, by resolution **MSC.385(94)**. At the time of its adoption, the Committee determined that the Code would take effect on 1 January 2017, upon the entry into force of the amendments to SOLAS 1974, adopted by resolution MSC.386(94).

(141) 2015 (IMSBC) Code amendments MSC.393(95))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fifth session (June 2015) adopted, by resolution MSC.393(95), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the SOLAS Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to 1 July 2016, 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 (Contracting Governments to the Convention may apply the amendments in whole or in part on a voluntary basis from 1 January 2016). No such objection was received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2017.

(142) 2016 Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (the Requirements) (MSC.402(96))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-ninth session (May 2016) adopted, by resolution MSC.402(96), for the purposes of the application of regulation III/20 of the SOLAS Convention (adopted by resolution MSC.404(96)), the Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (the Requirements).

B. Entry into force

As determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Requirements took effect on 1 January 2020, upon the entry into force of the force of the associated amendments to regulations III/3 and III/20 of the SOLAS Convention, adopted under resolution MSC.404(96).

(143) 2016 (FSS Code) amendments (MSC.403(96))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-sixth session (May 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.403(96)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv)of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to 1 July 2019, 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(144) 2016 (Chapters II-1 and III) amendments (MSC.404(96))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-sixth session (May 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.404(96)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention ((Chapters II-1 and III).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to 1 July 2019, 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(145) 2016 (2011 ESP Code) amendements (MSC.405(96))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-sixth session (May 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.405(96)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers (2011 ESP Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2018 unless, prior to 1 July 2017, 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. As at 1 July 2017, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2018.

(146) 2016 (IMDG Code) amendements (MSC.406(96))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-sixth session (May 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.406(96)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (the IMDG Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2018 unless, prior to 1 July 2017, 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. As at 1 July 2017, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2018.

(147) 2016 (Chapters II-1, II-2, III and XI-1) amendments (MSC.409(97))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-seventh session (November 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.409(97)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (Chapters II-1, II-2 and XI-1).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to 1 July 2019, 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(148) 2016 (FSS Code) amendments (MSC.410(97))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-seventh session (November 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.410(97)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to 1 July 2019, 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(149) 2016 (IGC Code) amendements (MSC.411(97))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-seventh session (November 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.411(97)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to 1 July 2019, 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(150) 2016 (2011 ESP Code) amendments (MSC.412(97))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-seventh session (November 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.412(97)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers (2011 ESP Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2018 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2018 unless, prior to 1 January 2018, 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. As at 1 January 2018, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2018.

(151) 2016 (2008 IS Code) amendments (MSC.413(97))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-seventh session (November 2016) adopted, by resolution (MSC.413(97)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the introduction and Part A of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to 1 July 2019, 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(152) 2017 (chapters II-1, II-2 and III and the appendix to the annex) amendments MSC.421(98)

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-eighth session (June 2017) adopted, by resolution (MSC.421(98)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (chapters II-1, II-2 and III and the appendix to the annex).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(153) (IGF Code) 2017 amendments (MSC.422(98))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-eighth session (June 2017) adopted, by resolution (MSC.422(98)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low-Flashpoint Fuels.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(154) 2017 (1994 HSC Code) Amendments (MSC.423(98))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-eighth session (June 2017) adopted, by resolution (MSC.423(98)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(155) 2017 (2000 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.424(98))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-eighth session (June 2017) adopted, by resolution (MSC.423(98)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(156) 2017 (LSA Code) amendments (MSC.425(98))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-eighth session (June 2017) adopted, by resolution (MSC.423(98)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life Saving Appliances (LSA).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(157) 2017 (IMSBC Code) amendments (MSC.426(98))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-eighth session (June 2017) adopted, by resolution (MSC.423(98)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2018, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2019 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2018 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2019.

(158) 2018 (Chapters II-1, IV and appendix) amendments (MSC.436(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.436(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (Chapters II-1, IV and appendix).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(159) 2018 (2010 FTP Code) amendments (MSC.437(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.437(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(160) 2018 (1994 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.438(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.438(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(161) 2018 (2000 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.439(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.439(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(162) 2018 (IBC Code) amendments (MSC.440(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.440(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(163) 2018 (IGC Code) amendments (MSC.441(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.441(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(164) 2018 (IMDG Code) amendments (MSC.442(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.442(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(165) 2018 (2008 IS Code) amendments (MSC.443(99))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-ninth session (May 2018) adopted, by resolution (MSC.443(99)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Part A of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(166) 2019 amendments (MSC.456(101))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 101st session (June 2019) adopted, by resolution MSC.456(101), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Appendix.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(167) 2019 (FSS Code) amendments (MSC.457(101))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 101st session (June 2019) adopted, by resolution MSC.457(101), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (chapter 15, Inert Gas Systems).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(168) 2019 (IGF Code) amendments (MSC.458(101))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 101st session (June 2019) adopted, by resolution MSC.458(101), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(169) 2019 (LSA Code) amendments (MSC.459(101))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 101st session (June 2019) adopted, by resolution MSC.459(101), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code (chapters IV and VI).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(170) 2019 (IBC Code) amendments (MSC.460(101))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 101st session (June 2019) adopted, by resolution MSC.460(101), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (chapters 1, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 21).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2020, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2021.

(171) 2019 (2011 ESP Code) amendments (MSC.461(101))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 101st session (June 2019) adopted, by resolution MSC.461(101), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2020, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2021.

(172) 2019 (IMSBC Code) amendments (MSC.462(101))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 101st session (June 2019) adopted, by resolution MSC.462(101), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code (Consolidated version of the IMSBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2020, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2021.

(173) 2020 (chapter II-1) amendments (MSC.474(102))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 102nd session (November 2020) adopted, by resolution (MSC.474(102), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (chapter II-1).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(174) 2020 (IGF Code) amendments (MSC.475(102))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 102nd session (November 2020) adopted, by resolution 475(102), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) (part A and part A-1).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(175) 2020 (IGC Code) amendments (MSC.476(102))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 102nd session (November 2020) adopted, by resolution (MSC. 476(102), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(176) 2020 (IMDG Code) amendments (MSC.477(102))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 102nd session (November 2020) adopted, by resolution (MSC.477(102)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 December 2021, and shall enter into force on 1 June 2022 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 December 2021, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 June 2022.

(177) 2021 (Chapters II-1 and III) amendments (MSC.482(103))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 103rd session (May 2021) adopted, by resolution MSC.482(103)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (Chapters II-1 and III).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(178) 2021 (ESP Code) amendments (MSC.483(103))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 103rd session (May 2021) adopted, by resolution MSC.483(103)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2022, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2023 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 July 2022 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2023.

(179) 2021 (FSS Code) amendments (MSC.484(103))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 103rd session (May 2021) adopted, by resolution MSC.484(103)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(180) 2021 (LSA Code) amendments (MSC.485(103))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 103rd session (May 2021) adopted, by resolution MSC.485(103)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(181) 2021 (IGC Code) amendments (MSC.492(104))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 104th session (October 2021) adopted, by resolution MSC.492(104), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(182) 2022 amendments Chapters II-1, III, IV and V, and the appendix (certificates) (MSC.496(105))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 105th session (April 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.496(105), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (Chapters II-1, III, IV and V).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(183) 2022 (1994 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.498(105))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 105th session (April 2022) adopted, by resolution (MSC.498(105)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(184) 2022 (2000 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.499(105))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 105th session (April 2022) adopted, by resolution (MSC.499(105)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(185) 2022 (IMSBC Code) amendments (MSC.500(105))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 105th session (April 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.500(105), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code (Consolidated version of the IMSBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 June 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 December 2023 unless, prior to the former 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. As at 1 June 2023, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 December 2023.

(186) 2022 (IMDG Code) amendments (MSC.501(105))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 105th session (April 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.501(105), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(187) 2022 (Chapter II-2) amendments (MSC.520(106))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 106th session (November 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.520(106), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter II-2.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(188) 2022 (New Chapter XV) amendments (MSC.521(106))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 106th session (November 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.521(106), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention (New Chapter XV).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2024, and shall enter into force on 1 July 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments therefore entered into force on 1 July 2024.

(189) 2022 (IGC Code) amendments (MSC.523(106))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 106th session (November 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.523(106), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(190) 2022 (IGF Code) amendments (MSC.524(106))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 106th session (November 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.524(106), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) (part A-1).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(191) 2022 (ESP Code) amendments (MSC.525(106))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 106th session (November 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.524(106), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2024, and shall enter into force on 1 July 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments therefore entered into force on 1 July 2024.

(192) 2022 (IBC Code) amendments (MSC.526(106))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 106th session (November 2022) adopted, by resolution MSC.526(106), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2024, and shall enter into force on 1 July 2024 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments therefore entered into force on 1 July 2024.

(193) 2023 (Chapters II-1, II-2, V and XIV and the appendix (Certificates)) amendments (MSC.532(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.532(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments SOLAS.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(194) 2023 (LSA) amendments (MSC.535(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.535(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(195) 2023 (1994 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.536(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.536(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(196) 2023 (2000 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.537(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.537(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(197) 2023 (Polar Code) amendments (MSC.538(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.538(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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.

(198) 2023 (IMSBC Code) amendments (MSC.539(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.539(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code (Amendment 07-23).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2024, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2025 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notifications were received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2025.

(199) 2024 (Chapter II-1) amendments (MSC.549(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.549(108), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapter II-1 of SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(200) 2024 (Chapters II-2 and V) amendments (MSC.550(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.550(108), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters II-2 and V of SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(201) 2024 (IGF Code) amendments (MSC.551(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.551(108)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(202) 2024 (Grain Code (Resolution MSC.23(59)) amendments (MSC.552(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.552(108)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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.

(203) 2024 (ESP Code) amendments (MSC.553(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.553(108)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(204) 2024 (LSA) amendments (MSC.554(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.554(108)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been

accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(205) 2024 (FSS Code) amendments (MSC.555(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.555(108), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(206) 2024 (IMDG Code) amendments (MSC.556(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.556(108), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(207) 2024 amendments to the performance standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double side skin spaces of bulk carriers (Resolution MSC.215(82), as amended) MSC.557(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.557(108), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Performance Standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double side skin spaces of bulk carriers (resolution MSC.215(82), as amended).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(208) 2024 amendments to the Performance standard for protective coatings for cargo oil tanks of crude oil tankers (Resolution MSC.288(87), as amended) (MSC.558(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.558(108), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Performance standard for protective coatings for cargo oil tanks of crude oil tankers (Resolution MSC.288(87), as amended).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(209) 2024 amendments to the Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (Resolution MSC.402(96), (MSC.559(108))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its at its 108th session (May 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.559(108), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (the Requirements).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2026.

(210) 2024 (IGC Code) amendments (MSC.566(109))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 109th session (December 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.566(109), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2026, and shall enter into force on 1 July 2026 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2026.

(211) 2024 (IGF Code) amendments (MSC.567(109))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 109th session (December 2024) adopted, by resolution MSC.567(109)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(212) 2025 (Chapters II-1 and V) amendments (MSC.572(110))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 110th session (June 2025) adopted, by resolution MSC.572(110), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to amendments to Chapters II-2 and V of SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(213) 2025 (1994 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.573(110))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 110th session (June 2025) adopted the above amendments, by resolution MSC.573(110), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(214) 2025 (2000 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.574(110))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 110th session (June 2025) adopted the above amendments, by resolution MSC.574(110), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(215) 2025 (IMSBC Code) amendments (MSC.575(110))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 110th session (June 2025) adopted the above amendments, by resolution MSC.575(110), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2026, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2027 unless, prior to the former 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly will enter into enter into force on 1 January 2027.

(216) 2026 (Chapters IV and V and the Appendix) amendments (MSC.583(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.583(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to Chapters IV and V and the Appendix of SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(217) 2026 (2011 ESP Code) amendments (MSC.584(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.584(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 2011 ESP Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(218) 2026 (1994 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.585(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.585(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 1994 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(219) 2026 (2000 HSC Code) amendments (MSC.586(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.586(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 2000 HSC Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(220) 2026 (IMDG Code) amendments (MSC.587(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.587(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the IMDG Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(221) 2026 (IP Code) amendments (MSC.588(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.588(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the IP Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(222) 2026 (LSA Code) amendments (MSC.589(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.589(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the LSA Code.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

(223) 2026 amendments to the Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (Resolution MSC.402(96), (MSC.590(111))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 111th session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MSC.590(111), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) amendments to the Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (the Requirements).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 unless, prior to the former 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.

PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED (SOLAS PROT 1978)

Done at London, 17 February 1978

Entry into force: 1 May 1981

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

Article IV

1. The present Protocol shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 June 1978 to 1 March 1979 and shall thereafter remain open for accession. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this article, States may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

(a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(c) accession.

2. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

3. The present Protocol may be signed without reservation, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to only by States which have signed without reservation, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention.[1]

Entry into force

Article V

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force six months after the date on which not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become Parties to it in accordance with article IV of the present Protocol, provided however that the present Protocol shall not enter into force before the Convention[1] has entered into force.

2. Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Protocol enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of deposit.

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Amendments: (see article VIII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, given previously in this document).

I. Signatories

II. Contracting States

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

IV. Amendments

I. Signatories

Belgium	Sous réserve d'approbation et de ratification
France	Sous réserve d'approbation ultériure
Germany, Federal Republic of	Subject to ratification
Liberia	Subject to ratification
Mexico	Ad referendum
Netherlands	Subject to approval
Poland	Subject to ratification
Sweden	Subject to ratification
United Kingdom	Subject to ratification
United States	Subject to ratification
Yugoslavia	Subject to ratification

II. Contracting States

	Date of deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania (accession)	7 June 2004	7 September 2004
Algeria (accession)	3 November 1983	3 February 1984
Angola (accession)	3 October 1991	3 January 1992
Antigua and Barbuda (accession)	9 February 1987	9 May 1987
Argentina (accession)	24 February 1982	24 May 1982
Australia (accession)	17 August 1983	17 November 1983
Austria (accession)	27 May 1988	27 August 1988
Bahamas (accession)	16 February 1979	1 May 1981
Barbados (accession)	29 May 1984	29 August 1984
Belgium (ratification)	24 September 1979	1 May 1981
Belize (accession)	2 April 1991	2 July 1991
Benin (accession)	11 February 2000	11 May 2000
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (accession)	4 June 1999	4 September 1999
Brazil (accession)	20 November 1985	20 February 1986
Brunei Darussalam (accession)	23 October 1986	23 January 1987
Bulgaria (accession)	2 November 1983	2 February 1984
Cambodia (accession)	28 November 1994	28 February 1995
Congo (accession)	19 May 2014	19 August 2014
Chile (accession)	15 July 1992	15 October 1992
China (accession)[3]	17 December 1982	17 March 1983
Colombia (accession)	31 October 1980	1 May 1981
Comoros (accession)	22 November 2000	22 February 2001
Costa Rica (accession)	6 June 2011	6 September 2011
Côte d'Ivoire (accession)	5 October 1987	5 January 1988
Croatia (succession)	-	8 October 1991
Cuba (accession)	19 June 1992	19 September 1992
Cyprus (accession)	11 October 1985	11 January 1986
Czechia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (accession)	1 May 1985	1 August 1985

	Date of deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Denmark (accession)	27 November 1980	1 May 1981
Dominica (accession)	21 June 2000	21 September 2000
Ecuador (accession)	21 May 2008	21 August 2008
Egypt (accession)	7 August 1986	7 November 1986
Equatorial Guinea (accession)	24 April 1996	24 July 1996
Estonia (accession)	16 December 1991	16 March 1992
Ethiopia (accession)	3 January 1986	3 April 1986
Fiji (accession)	28 July 2004	28 October 2004
Finland (accession)	30 April 1981	1 May 1981
France (approval)	21 December 1979	1 May 1981
Germany (ratification)[1, 4]	6 June 1980	1 May 1981
Ghana (accession)	19 May 1983	19 August 1983
Greece (accession)	17 July 1981	17 October 1981
Grenada (accession)	28 June 2004	28 September 2004
Guinea (accession)	21 October 2002	2 January 2003
Guinea-Bissau (accession)	12 May 2022	12 August 2022
Guyana (accession)	10 December 1997	10 March 1998
Honduras (accession)	24 September 1985	24 December 1985
Hungary (accession)	3 February 1982	3 May 1982
Iceland (accession)	6 July 1983	6 October 1983
India (accession)	3 April 1986	3 July 1986
Indonesia (accession)	23 August 1988	23 November 1988
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (accession)	31 August 2000	30 November 2000
Ireland (accession)	29 November 1983	29 February 1984
Israel (accession)	21 August 1981	21 November 1981
Italy (accession)	1 October 1982	1 January 1983
Jamaica (accession)	17 August 2005	17 November 2005
Japan (accession)	15 May 1980	1 May 1981
Kazakhstan (accession)	7 March 1994	7 June 1994
Kenya (accession)	7 July 2015	7 October 2015
Kiribati (accession)	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kuwait (accession)[1]	29 June 1979	1 May 1981
Latvia (accession)	5 August 2005	5 November 2005
Lebanon (accession)	29 November 1983	29 February 1984
Liberia (ratification)	28 October 1980	1 May 1981
Libya (accession)	2 July 1981	2 October 1981
Lithuania (accession)	4 December 1991	4 March 1992
Luxembourg (accession)	14 February 1991	14 May 1991
Malaysia (accession)	19 October 1983	19 January 1984
Malta (accession)	8 August 1986	8 November 1986
Marshall Islands (accession)	26 April 1988	26 July 1988
Mauritania (accession)	24 November 1997	24 February 1998
Mexico (ratification)	30 June 1983	30 September 1983
Montenegro (succession)[9, 10]	-	3 June 2006
Morocco (accession)	30 January 2001	30 April 2001
Myanmar (accession)	11 November 1987	11 February 1988
Namibia (accession)	27 November 2000	27 February 2001
Netherlands (approval)[5]	8 July 1980	1 May 1981
New Zealand (accession)[6]	23 February 1990	23 May 1990
Nigeria (accession)	13 November 1984	13 February 1985
Norway (accession)	25 March 1981	1 May 1981
Oman (accession)	25 April 1985	25 July 1985
Pakistan (accession)	10 April 1985	10 July 1985
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Panama (accession)	14 July 1982	14 October 1982
Peru (accession)	16 July 1982	16 October 1982
Philippines (accession)	24 April 2018	24 July 2018
Poland (ratification)	15 March 1984	15 June 1984
Portugal (accession)[8]	7 November 1983	7 February 1984
Republic of Korea (accession)	2 December 1982	2 March 1983
Romania (accession)	14 January 2008	14 April 2008
Russian Federation (accession)[7]	12 May 1981	12 August 1981
Saint Kitts and Nevis (accession)	11 June 2004	11 September 2004

Saint Lucia (accession)	20 May 2004	20 August 2004
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (accession)	13 July 1987	13 October 1987
Samoa (accession)	14 March 1997	14 June 1997
San Marino (accession)	21 April 2021	21 July 2021
São Tomé and Principe (accession)	29 October 1998	29 January 1999
Saudi Arabia (accession)	2 March 1990	2 June 1990
Senegal (accession)	16 January 1997	16 April 1997
Serbia (succession)[9, 10]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles (accession)	10 May 1988	10 August 1988
Sierra Leone (accession)	10 March 2008	10 June 2008
Singapore (accession)	1 June 1984	1 September 1984
Slovakia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Slovenia (succession)	-	25 June 1991
Solomon Islands (accession)	18 October 2023	18 January 2023
Somalia (accession)	26 June 2026	26 September 2026
South Africa (accession)	11 January 1982	11 April 1982
Spain (accession)	30 April 1980	1 May 1981
Sweden (ratification)	21 December 1979	1 May 1981
Switzerland (accession)	1 April 1982	1 July 1982
Syrian Arab Republic (accession)	20 July 2001	20 October 2001
Togo (accession)	19 July 1989	19 October 1989
Tonga (accession)	18 September 2003	18 December 2003
Trinidad and Tobago (accession)	7 June 2012	7 September 2012
Tunisia (accession)	6 August 1980	1 May 1981
Türkiye (accession)	3 September 2013	3 December 2013
Tuvalu (accession)	30 June 2004	30 September 2004
Ukraine (accession)	16 July 1992	16 October 1992
United Arab Emirates (accession)	15 December 1983	15 March 1984
United Kingdom (ratification)[2]	5 November 1979	1 May 1981
United States (ratification)	12 August 1980	1 May 1981
Uruguay (accession)	30 April 1979	1 May 1981
Vanuatu (accession)	28 July 1982	28 October 1982
Viet Nam (accession)	12 October 1992	12 January 1993

Number of Contracting States: 125

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[1] For the text of a declaration, reservation or statement, see section III.

[2] Ratification by the United Kingdom was declared to be effective in respect of:

		Effective date
Hong Kong*	)	25 November 1981
Isle of Man	)	1 July 1985
Cayman Islands	)	23 June 1988
Bermuda	)	23 June 1988
Gibraltar	)	1 December 1988

* Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997.

[3] Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997 and to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

[4] On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Protocol on 28 April 1983.

[Footnotes continued]

[Footnotes continued]

[5] Approval by the Netherlands was declared to be effective in respect of the Netherlands Antilles* and, with effect from 1 January 1986, in respect of Aruba.

***** The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974. The Protocol applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	1 May 1981
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	1 January 1986
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

[6] Accession by New Zealand was declared not to extend to Tokelau.

[7] As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Protocol is continued by the Russian Federation.

[8] Applies to Macau with effect from 24 August 1999.*

* Ceased to apply to Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.

[9] As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. The date of succession by Serbia and Montenegro to the Protocol is the date on which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia assumed the responsibility for its international relations.

[10] Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wishes to succeed to this Protocol with effect from the same date, ie. 3 June 2006

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The instrument of ratification of the Federal Republic of Germany was accompanied by a declaration (in the English language) "that with effect from the day on which the Protocol enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany it shall also apply to Berlin (West)."

The following reservation (in the English language) also accompanied the instrument of Ratification:

> "The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany declares that the provisions of the second sentence of chapter I, regulation 19(f) of the Annex to the Protocol cannot be applied in the Federal Republic of Germany at present."

The following explanatory remarks (in the English language) accompanied the reservation:

> "The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany wishes to point out the following in connection with the declaration it has made:
>
> "Any claims for compensation are met in accordance with the provisions of existing national law which correspond in essence to the liability provision of the Annex to the Protocol. The liability provision of the Annex to the Protocol is not quite as precise as national law requires normative liability to be.
>
> "Furthermore, the provisions obtaining in the Federal Republic of Germany are constantly being updated, which must also be seen in the light of the results of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and possible future membership of the MARPOL Convention of 1973 and the Protocol thereto of 1978."

By a communication dated 21 January 1982 the above reservation and accompanying explanatory remarks were withdrawn, with effect from 8 January 1982.

KUWAIT[1]

The instrument of accession of the State of Kuwait was accompanied by an Understanding (in the English language), the text of which reads as follows:

> "It is understood that the accession of the State of Kuwait to ... the Protocol of I978 [relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974] done at London on the 17th February 1978, does not in any way mean recognition of Israel by the State of Kuwait. Furthermore, no treaty relations will arise between the State of Kuwait and Israel."

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[1] The depositary received the following communication dated 3 December 1979 from the Ambassador of Israel in London:

> "The instrument of accession deposited by the Government of the State of Kuwait was accompanied by a statement of a political character in respect of Israel. In the view of the Government of Israel, this Convention is not the proper place for making such political pronouncements. Moreover, the said declaration cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon Kuwait under general international law or under particular conventions. The Government of Israel will, so far as concerns the substance of the matter, adopt towards the Government of the State of Kuwait an attitude of complete reciprocity."

IV. Amendments

(1) 1981 Amendments (MSC.2(XLV))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-fifth session (November 1981) adopted by resolution MSC.2(XLV), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to regulation 29(d)(i) of chapter II-l of the Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 September 1984 unless, prior to 1 March 1984, more than one-third of Parties to the Protocol, or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the date of entry into force of the amendments was accordingly 1 September 1984.

(2) 1988 (GMDSS) Amendments (Conf)

A. Adoption

A Conference of Parties to the Protocol convened in accordance with article II of the Protocol and article VIII of the Convention[1] and held at London in November 1988 adopted amendments to the Protocol resulting from the introduction of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System.

B. Entry into force

The Conference determined, in accordance with article VIII(c)(iii) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted and shall enter into force in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 1990, unless by that date one-third of the Parties to the 1978 Protocol, or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, notify the Secretary-General of the Organization that they object to the amendments;

(b) The amendments which are deemed to have been accepted in accordance with paragraph (a) shall enter into force with respect to all Parties to the 1978 Protocol except those which have objected to the amendments under paragraph (a) and which have not withdrawn such objections on or before 1 February 1992;

(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), the amendments shall not enter into force if the amendments to the Convention adopted by the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System by resolution 1 are deemed not to have been accepted in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2) of the Convention.

As at 1 February 1990, no objections to the amendments had been received by the Secretary-General. Therefore, in accordance with article VIII(c)(iii) of the SOLAS Convention, the amendments were deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 1990. Since the amendments to the Convention referred to in (c) above were deemed to be accepted on 1 February 1990, the amendments to the Protocol of 1978 entered into force on 1 February 1992 as determined by the Conference of Parties to the Protocol.

(3) 2012 Performance standard for protective coatings for cargo oil tanks of crude oil tankers (MSC.343(91))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-first session (November 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.343(91), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol amendments to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol and to the annex to SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2014 unless, prior to 1 January 2014, 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% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 1 January 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2014.

(4) 2015 amendments (MSC.394(95))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session (June 2015) adopted, by resolution (MSC.394(95), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol amendments to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol and to the annex to SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to 1 July 2016, 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% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2017.

5) 2022 amendments (to the appendix to the annex) (MSC.522(106))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 106th session (November 2022) adopted, by resolution (MSC.522(106)), 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.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to 1 July 2025, 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% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments.

(6) 2023 (appendix (Certificates)) amendments (MSC.533(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.533(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code (Amendment 07-23).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article II of the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former 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% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments.

PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974 (SOLAS PROT 1988)

Done at London, 11 November 1988

Entry into force: 3 February 2000

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

Article IV

1 The present Protocol shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 March 1989 to 28 February 1990 and shall thereafter remain open for accession. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, States may express their consent to be bound by the present Protocol by:

(a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(c) accession.

2 Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

3 The present Protocol may be signed without reservation, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to only by States which have signed without reservation, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention[*].

Entry into force

Article V

1 The present Protocol shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which both the following conditions have been met:

(a) not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have expressed their consent to be bound by it in accordance with article IV, and

(b) the conditions for the entry into force of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, have been met,

provided that the present Protocol shall not enter into force before 1 February 1992.

2 For States which have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in respect of the present Protocol after the conditions for entry into force thereof have been met but prior to the date of entry into force, the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall take effect on the date of entry into force of the present Protocol or three months after the date of deposit of the instrument, whichever is the later date.

3 Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Protocol enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of deposit.

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[1] International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974

I. Signatories

II. Contracting States

III. Amendments

I. Signatories

China	Subject to approval
Cyprus	Subject to ratification
France	Sous réserve d'approbation
Greece	Subject to ratification
Netherlands	Subject to acceptance
Seychelles	Subject to ratification
Sweden	Subject to ratification
United States	Subject to ratification
Uruguay	Sujeto a ratificación

II. Contracting States

	Date of deposit of instrument or succession	Date of entry into force
Albania (accession)	17 August 2023	17 November 2023
Algeria (accession)	20 August 2001	20 November 2001
Angola (accession)	26 November 2025	26 February 2026
Antigua and Barbuda (accession)	21 January 2000	21 April 2000
Argentina (accession)	2 September 1993	3 February 2000
Australia (accession)	7 February 1997	3 February 2000
Azerbaijan (accession)	16 July 2004	16 October 2004
Bahamas (accession)	2 February 1999	3 February 2000
Bahrain (accession)	17 August 2015	17 November 2015
Bangladesh (accession)	18 December 2002	18 March 2003
Barbados (accession)	11 August 2000	11 November 2000
Belarus (accession)	5 December 2016	5 March 2017
Belgium (accession)	19 March 2007	19 June 2007
Belize (accession)	14 June 2007	14 September 2007
Brazil (accession)	27 April 2010	27 July 2010
Bulgaria (accession)	13 April 2004	13 July 2004
Cambodia (accession)	8 June 2001	8 September 2001
Canada (accession)	8 April 2010	8 July 2010
Chile (accession)	29 September 1995	3 February 2000
China[2] (approval)	3 February 1995	3 February 2000
Colombia (ratification)	28 July 2026	28 October 2026
Congo (accession)	19 May 2014	19 August 2014
Cook Islands (accession)	30 June 2003	30 September 2003
Costa Rica (accession)	6 June 2011	6 September 2011
Croatia (accession)	31 January 2000	30 April 2000
Cuba (accession)	25 October 2005	25 January 2006
Cyprus (ratification)	4 February 1998	3 February 2000
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (accession)	8 August 2001	8 November 2001
Denmark (accession)	2 December 1991	3 February 2000
Dominica (accession)	21 June 2000	21 September 2000
Ecuador (accession)	26 August 2008	26 November 2008
Egypt (accession)	21 April 1995	3 February 2000
Equatorial Guinea (accession)	24 April 1996	3 February 2000
Eritrea (accession)	4 February 2000	4 May 2000
Estonia (accession)	20 August 2003	20 November 2003
Fiji (accession)	28 July 2004	28 October 2004
Finland (acceptance)	17 December 1999	17 March 2000
France (approval)	28 February 1992	3 February 2000
Gabon (accession)	17 April 2019	17 July 2019
Georgia (accession)	25 August 1995	3 February 2000

Germany (accession)	22 June 1995	3 February 2000
Ghana (accession)	18 November 2019	18 February 2020
Greece (ratification)	19 July 1994	3 February 2000
Grenada	28 June 2004	29 September 2004
Guatemala (accession)	1 September 2000	1 December 2000
Guinea-Bissau (accession)	12 May 2022	12 August 2022
Honduras (accession)	20 May 2005	20 August 2005
Iceland (accession)	12 May 2000	12 August 2000
India (accession)	22 August 2000	22 November 2000
Indonesia (accession)	28 November 2017	28 February 2018
Iraq (accession)	2 November 2017	2 February 2018
Iran, Islamic Republic of (accession)	31 October 2006	31 January 2007
Ireland (accession)	24 September 2003	24 December 2003
Israel (accession)	21 November 2012	21 February 2013
Italy (accession)	3 March 1992	3 February 2000
Jamaica (accession)	2 May 2003	2 August 2003
Japan (accession)	24 June 1997	3 February 2000
Jordan (accession)	14 October 2003	14 January 2004
Kazakhstan (accession)	17 February 2009	17 May 2009
Kenya (accession)	7 July 2015	5 October 2015
Kiribati (accession)	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kyrgyzstan (accession)	15 October 2026	15 January 2027
Kuwait (accession)	30 August 2019	30 November 2019
Latvia (accession)	7 April 1999	3 February 2000
Liberia (accession)	26 February 1997	3 February 2000
Lithuania (accession)	20 April 2006	20 July 2006
Luxembourg (accession)	14 February 1991	3 February 2000
Libya (accession)	20 January 2009	20 April 2009
Madagascar (accession)	26 July 2019	26 October 2019
Malawi (accession)	17 December 2001	17 March 2002
Malaysia (accession)	11 November 2011	11 February 2012
Maldives (accession)	20 May 2005	20 August 2005
Malta (accession)	28 January 1999	3 February 2000
Marshall Islands (accession)	16 October 1995	3 February 2000
Mauritius (accession)	17 December 2002	17 March 2003
Mexico (accession)	13 May 1994	3 February 2000
Morocco (accession)	25 April 2022	25 July 2022
Moldova (accession)	11 October 2005	11 January 2006
Mongolia (accession)	19 September 2007	19 December 2007
Montenegro (accession)	27 January 2012	27 April 2012
Myanmar (accession)	3 July 2019	3 October 2019
Nauru (accession)	18 June 2018	18 September 2018
Netherlands[1] (acceptance)	22 February 1991	3 February 2000
New Zealand (accession)	6 March 2001	6 June 2001
Nicaragua (accession)	17 December 2004	17 March 2005
Nigeria (accession)	18 June 2015	18 September 2015
Niue (accession)	27 June 2012	27 September 2012
Norway (accession)	13 October 1994	3 February 2000
Oman (accession)	17 June 1991	3 February 2000
Pakistan (accession)	6 December 2001	6 March 2002
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Panama (accession)	17 September 2007	17 December 2007
Paraguay (accession)	15 June 2004	15 September 2004
Peru (accession)	21 August 2009	21 November 2009
Philippines (accession)	6 June 2018	6 September 2018
Poland (accession)	21 July 2008	21 October 2008
Portugal (accession)	12 June 2000	12 September 2000
Qatar (accession)	15 January 2020	15 April 2020
Republic of Korea (accession)	14 November 1994	3 February 2000
Romania (accession)	18 May 2001	18 August 2001
Russian Federation (accession)	18 August 2000	18 November 2000
Saint Kitts and Nevis (accession)	11 June 2004	11 September 2004
Saint Lucia (accession)	20 May 2004	20 August 2004
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (accession)	9 October 2001	9 January 2002
Samoa (accession)	18 May 2004	18 August 2004
San Marino (accession)	21 April 2021	21 July 2021
Sao Tome and Principe	15 August 2022	15 November 2022

Saudi Arabia (accession)	7 August 2015	7 November 2015
Serbia (accession)	13 October 2023	13 January 2024
Seychelles (ratification)	27 September 1989	3 February 2000
Sierra Leone (accession)	26 July 2001	26 October 2001
Singapore (accession)	18 August 1999	3 February 2000
Slovakia (succession)	1 January 1993	3 February 2000
Slovenia (accession)	3 June 1999	3 February 2000
Solomon Islands (accession)	18 October 2023	18 January 2023
Somalia (accession)	26 June 2026	26 September 2026
Sri Lanka (accession)	8 March 2024	8 June 2024
Spain (accession)	10 January 1995	3 February 2000
Sweden (ratification)	4 February 1993	3 February 2000
Syrian Arab Republic (accession)	20 July 2001	20 October 2001
Thailand (accession)	25 March 2025	25 June 2025
Togo (accession)	29 November 2018	28 February 2019
Tonga (accession)	15 June 2000	15 September 2000
Trinidad and Tobago (accession)	7 June 2012	7 November 2012
Tunisia (accession)	13 January 1999	3 February 2000
Türkiye	16 June 2022	16 September 2022
Tuvalu (accession)	30 June 2004	30 September 2004
Ukraine (accession)	7 October 2005	7 January 2006
United Arab Emirates (accession)	27 September 2017	27 December 2017
United Kingdom[3] (accession)	8 March 2000	8 June 2000
United States (ratification)	1 July 1991	3 February 2000
Uruguay (ratification)	31 July 2003	31 October 2003
Vanuatu (accession)	14 September 1992	3 February 2000
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (accession)	17 February 1998	3 February 2000
Viet Nam (accession)	27 May 2002	27 August 2002
Yemen (accession)	11 January 2012	11 April 2012

Number of Contracting States: 136

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[1] Acceptance by the Netherlands was declared to be effective in respect of the Netherlands Antilles* and Aruba.

* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974.. The Protocol applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	3 February 2000
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	3 February 2000
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

[2] China declared that the Protocol would be effective in respect of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) with effect from 23 October 2002 and in respect of the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 24 June 2005.

[3] Accession by the United Kingdom was declared to be effective in respect of:

Bailiwick of Guernsey	)	
Bailiwick of Jersey	)	
Bermuda	)	
Cayman Islands	)	with effect from 30 January 2004
Falkland Islands*	)	
Gibraltar	)	
Isle of Man	)	
Anguilla	)	
Alderney	)	with effect from 19 May 2004
Montserrat	)	

British Virgin Islands St. Helena	))	with effect from 10 June 2004
Turks and Caicos Islands	)	with effect from 7 July 2004

* The depositary received a communication dated 4 September 2009 from the Embassy of the Argentine Republic in London. The communication, circulated by the depositary, is as follows:

"The Argentine Government recalls that the Malvinas Islands , South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the Argentine Republic's territory and that, being illegitimately occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, they are subject to a sovereignty dispute between both countries, which is recognized by the United Nations and by other international organizations.

In that respect, it recalls that the General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which it recognizes the existence of the sovereignty dispute to which the "Question of the Malvinas Islands" refers and urges the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations in order to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the dispute as soon as possible. In turn, the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization has repeatedly urged them to do likewise, most recently through its resolution of 18 June 2009. Furthermore, on 4 June 2009, the General Assembly of the Organization of American States issued a similar decision on the Question.

Accordingly, the Argentine Government rejects and objects to the attempts by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to apply to the Malvinas Islands the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

The Argentine Government reaffirms its legitimate sovereign rights over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas."

III. Amendments

(1) 2000 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.92(72))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-second session (May 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.92(72), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2002, unless, prior to 1 July 2001, more than one-third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2002.

(2) 2000 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC. 100(73))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-third session (December 2000) adopted by resolution MSC.100(73), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2002, unless, prior to 1 January 2002, more than one-third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received by 1 January 2002, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(3) 2002 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.124(75))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-fifth session (May 2002) adopted by resolution MSC.124(75), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2004, unless, prior to 1 July 2003, more than one-third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which Constitute not less than fifty percent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received by 1 July 2003 and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2004.

(4) 2004 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.154(78))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (May 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.154(78), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received by 1 January 2006, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(5) 2004 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.171(79))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (December 2004) adopted, by resolution MSC.171(79), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2006, unless, prior to 1 January 2006, more than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received by 1 January 2006, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2006.

(6) 2006 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.204(81))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.204(81), in accordance with article VIII(b(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention the amendments shall be deemed to be accepted on the date on which they are accepted by two thirds of the Parties to the Protocol. Three acceptances from Norway, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Brazil were received on 9 September 2007, 18 January 2010 and 9 July 2026, respectively.

(7) 2006 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.227(82))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-second session (December 2006) adopted, by resolution MSC.227(82), in accordance with article VIII(b(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2008, unless, prior to 1 January 2008, more than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received by 1 January 2008, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2008.

(8) 2007 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.240(83))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (October 2007) adopted, by resolution MSC.240(83), in accordance with article VIII(b(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2009, unless, prior to 1 January 2009, more than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2009.

(9) 2008 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.258(84))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (May 2008) adopted, by resolution MSC.258(84), in accordance with article VIII(b(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to 1 July 2009, more than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

(10) 2009 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.283(86))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-sixth session (May-June 2009) adopted, by resolution MSC.283(86), in accordance with article VIII(b(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, and as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2011, unless, prior to 1 July 2010, more than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2011.

(11) 2010 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.309(88))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-eight session (December 2010) adopted, by resolution MSC.309(88), adopted, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the appendix to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, that the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2012 unless, prior to 1 January 2012, more than one third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or Parties 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. As at 1 January 2012, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2012.

(12) 2012 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.344(91))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-first session (November 2012) adopted, by resolution MSC.344(91), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) and Article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, to the annex and to the appendix to the annex to SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 July 2014 unless, prior to 1 January 2014, more than one third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or Parties 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. As at 1 January 2014, no objection had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2014.

(13) 2015 (appendix to the Annex) Amendments (MSC.395(95))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session (June 2015) adopted, by resolution (MSC.395(95), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) and Article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, to the annex and to the appendix to the annex to SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to 1 July 2016, more than one third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2016, no objection had been received and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 January 2017.

(14) 2022 Amendments (MSC.497(105))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 105th session (April 2022) adopted, by resolution (MSC.497(105)), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) and Article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, to the annex and to the appendix to the annex to SOLAS 1974.

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to 1 July 2023, more than one third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or Parties 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(15) 2023 (appendix (Certificates)) amendments (MSC.534(107))

A. Adoption

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session (May-June 2023) adopted, by resolution MSC.534(107), in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code (Amendment 07-23).

B. Entry into force

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention and Article VI of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 unless, prior to the former date, more than one third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or Parties 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.

AGREEMENT CONCERNING SPECIFIC STABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RO-RO PASSENGER SHIPS UNDERTAKING REGULAR SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES BETWEEN OR TO OR FROM DESIGNATED PORTS IN NORTH WEST EUROPE AND THE BALTIC SEA (SOLAS AGR. 1996)

Concluded in Stockholm: 27-28 February 1996

Entry into force: 1 April 1997

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

Article 7

1. The present Agreement shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 July until 30 September 1996, and shall thereafter remain open for accession. States may become parties to the present Agreement by:

(a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or

(b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval, or

(c) accession.

2. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General.

Notification and entry into force

Article 8

1. The present Agreement shall be notified by the Government of Sweden to the Secretary-General.

It shall enter into force

(a) twelve months after the date of notification to the Secretary-General, or

(b) on the date on which not fewer than five States have become parties in accordance with Article 7,

whichever is the later.

2. Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Agreement enters into force shall take effect thirty days after the date of deposit.

I. Signatories

II. Contracting States

I. Signatories

Denmark	
Finland	Subject to ratification
Germany, Federal Republic of	Subject to ratification
Ireland	
Norway[1]	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	

II. Contracting States

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force
Congo (accession)	28 May 2015	27 June 2015
Denmark (signature)	14 August 1996	1 April 1997
Estonia (accession)	12 December 2005	11 January 2006
Finland (ratification)	1 October 1996	1 April 1997
Germany (ratification)	27 March 1997	1 April 1997
Ireland (signature)	1 July 1996	1 April 1997
Latvia (accession)	5 January 2004	4 February 2004
Netherlands (accession)[2]	3 February 1997	1 April 1997
Norway (signature)[1]	25 September 1996	1 April 1997
Poland (accession)	5 December 2007	4 January 2008
Sweden (signature)	14 August 1996	1 April 1997
United Kingdom (signature)	1 July 1996	1 April 1997

Number of Contracting States: 12

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[1] Accompanied by the following statement:

"Recognising the inherent problem of water on deck on ro-ro passenger ships, the Norwegian Maritime Directorate has already applied the major part of the stability requirements of Annex 2 to the Agreement to Norwegian ro-ro passenger ships undertaking regular scheduled voyages between designated ports.

Referring to the Resolution adopted by the representatives of the Government and Maritime Administrations who concluded the Agreement in Stockholm 27-28 February 1996, recognising the possibility of an early implementation of the requirements of the Agreement, the Government of Norway wishes to inform that it is seeking agreements with other Contracting Parties. The intention is to obtain the same safety standards on every ro-ro passenger ship on regular voyages to and from Norwegian designated ports.

Taking into account the close co-operation for enhancing stability between the countries now Parties to the Agreement, the Government of Norway anticipates that the negotiation of agreements on an early upgrading of ro-ro passenger ships servicing Norwegian designated ports will be successfully concluded."

[2] For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles* and Aruba.

* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. For full details refer to the footnotes, on section II of SOLAS 1974. The agreement applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	1 April 1997
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	1 April 1997
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972, AS AMENDED (COLREG 1972)

Done at London, 20 October 1972

Entry into force: 15 July 1977

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

Article II

1. The present Convention shall remain open for signature until 1 June 1973 and shall thereafter remain open for accession.

2. States Members of the United Nations, or of any of the Specialized Agencies, or the International Atomic Energy Agency, or Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice may become Parties to this Convention by:

(a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval;

(b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(c) accession.

3. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the [International Maritime Organization] ...

Entry into force

Article IV

1. (a) The present Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which at least 15 States, the aggregate of whose merchant fleets constitutes not less than 65 per cent by number or by tonnage of the world fleet of vessels of 100 gross tons and over have become Parties to it, whichever is achieved first.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, the present Convention shall not enter into force before 1 January 1976.

2. Entry into force for States which ratify, accept, approve or accede to this Convention in accordance with article II after the conditions prescribed in subparagraph 1(a) have been met and before the Convention enters into force, shall be on the date of entry into force of the Convention.

3. Entry into force for States which ratify, accept, approve or accede after the date on which this Convention enters into force, shall be on the date of deposit of an instrument in accordance with article II.

Amendments to the Regulations

Article VI

1. Any amendment to the Regulations proposed by a Contracting Party shall be considered in the Organization at the request of that Party.

2. If adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization, such amendment shall be communicated to all Contracting Parties and Members of the Organization at least six months prior to its consideration by the Assembly of the Organization. Any Contracting Party which is not a Member of the Organization shall be entitled to participate when the amendment is considered by the Assembly.

3. If adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in the Assembly, the amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all Contracting Parties for their acceptance.

4. Such an amendment shall enter into force on a date to be determined by the Assembly at the time of its adoption unless, by a prior date determined by the Assembly at the same time, more than one-third of the Contracting Parties notify the Organization of their objection to the amendment. Determination by the Assembly of the dates referred to in this paragraph shall be by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

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I. Signatories

II. Parties to the Convention

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

IV. Amendments

I. Signatories

Belgium	Sous réserve de ratification
Brazil	Subject to ratification
Bulgaria	Subject to ratification
Cambodia	Sous réserve de ratification
Denmark	Subject to ratification 17 Nov. 1972
Finland	Subject to ratification
France	Sous réserve d'acceptation 9 novembre 1972
Germany, Federal Republic of	Subject to ratification
Ghana	Subject to ratification
Greece	Subject to ratification
Iceland	Subject to approval
India	
Indonesia	Subject to acceptance
Ireland	Subject to ratification
Italy	Sous réserve de ratification
Kuwait	Subject to acceptance
New Zealand	Subject to ratification
Norway	Subject to ratification
Poland	Subject to ratification
Portugal	Sous réserve de ratification
Republic of Korea	Subject to acceptance
Sweden	Subject to ratification
Switzerland	Sous réserve de ratification 24.1.73
United Kingdom	Subject to acceptance
United States	Subject to acceptance

II. Parties to the Convention

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania (accession)	15 April 2004	15 April 2004
Algeria (accession)	4 October 1976	15 July 1977
Angola (accession)	3 October 1991	3 October 1991
Antigua and Barbuda (accession)	29 January 1988	29 January 1988
Argentina (accession)	11 May 1977	15 July 1977
Australia (accession)	29 February 1980	29 February 1980
Austria (accession)	8 June 1977	15 July 1977
Azerbaijan (accession)	1 July 1997	1 July 1997
Bahamas (accession)	22 July 1976	15 July 1977
Bahrain (accession)	21 October 1985	21 October 1985
Bangladesh (accession)	10 May 1978	10 May 1978
Barbados (accession)	12 January 1983	12 January 1983
Belarus (accession)	7 January 1994	7 January 1994
Belgium (ratification)	22 December 1975	15 July 1977
Belize (accession)	9 April 1991	9 April 1991
Benin (accession)	1 November 1985	1 November 1985
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (accession)	4 June 1999	4 June 1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina (accession)	22 September 2020	22 September 2020
Brazil (ratification)	26 November 1974	15 July 1977
Brunei Darussalam (accession)	5 February 1987	5 February 1987
Bulgaria (ratification)	29 April 1975	15 July 1977
Cambodia (ratification)	28 November 1994	28 November 1994
Cameroon (accession)	14 May 1984	14 May 1984
Canada (accession)[1]	7 March 1975	15 July 1977
Cabo Verde (accession)	28 April 1977	15 July 1977
Chile (accession)	2 August 1977	2 August 1977
China (accession)[2]	7 January 1980	7 January 1980

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Colombia (accession)	27 July 1981	27 July 1981
Comoros (accession)	22 November 2000	22 November 2000
Congo (accession)	7 January 1993	7 January 1993
Cook Islands (accession)	21 December 2001	21 December 2001
Côte d'Ivoire (accession)	5 October 1987	5 October 1987
Croatia (succession)	-	8 October 1991
Cuba (accession)[1]	7 November 1983	7 November 1983
Cyprus (accession)	4 November 1980	4 November 1980
Czechia (succession)[1]	-	1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (accession)	1 May 1985	1 May 1985
Democratic Republic of the Congo[3] (accession)	10 February 1977	15 July 1977
Denmark (ratification)	24 January 1974	15 July 1977
Djibouti (accession)	1 March 1984	1 March 1984
Dominica (accession)	21 June 2000	21 June 2000
Dominican Republic (accession)	15 March 1978	15 March 1978
Ecuador (accession)	8 December 1977	8 December 1977
Egypt (accession)	19 February 1987	19 February 1987
El Salvador (accession)	17 June 1997	17 June 1997
Equatorial Guinea (accession)	24 April 1996	24 April 1996
Eritrea (accession)	22 April 1996	22 April 1996
Estonia (accession)	16 December 1991	16 December 1991
Ethiopia (accession)	18 July 1985	18 July 1985
Fiji (accession)	4 March 1983	4 March 1983
Finland (ratification)	16 February 1977	15 July 1977
France (approval)	10 May 1974	15 July 1977
Gabon (accession)	21 January 1982	21 January 1982
Gambia (accession)	1 November 1991	1 November 1991
Georgia (accession)	19 April 1994	19 April 1994
Germany[4] (ratification)[1]	14 July 1976	15 July 1977
Ghana (ratification)	7 December 1973	15 July 1977
Greece (ratification)	17 December 1974	15 July 1977
Grenada (accession)	28 June 2004	28 June 2004
Guatemala (accession)	15 December 1993	15 December 1993
Guinea (accession)	19 January 1981	19 January 1981
Guinea-Bissau (accession)	12 May 2022	12 May 2022
Guyana (accession)	10 December 1997	10 December 1997
Honduras (accession)	24 September 1985	24 September 1985
Hungary (accession)[1]	15 December 1976	15 July 1977
Iceland (ratification)	21 April 1975	15 July 1977
India (signature)	30 May 1973	15 July 1977
Indonesia (acceptance)	13 November 1979	13 November 1979
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (accession)	17 January 1989	17 January 1989
Iraq (accession)	4 January 2018	4 January 2018
Ireland (ratification)	19 December 1977	19 December 1977
Israel (accession)	24 June 1977	15 July 1977
Italy (ratification)	11 January 1979	11 January 1979
Jamaica (accession)	30 March 1979	30 March 1979
Japan (accession)	21 June 1977	15 July 1977
Jordan (accession)	5 October 2000	5 October 2000
Kazakhstan (accession)	7 March 1994	7 March 1994
Kenya (accession)	15 December 1992	15 December 1992
Kiribati (accession)	5 February 2007	5 February 2007
Kyrgyzstan (accession)	15 October 2026	15 October 2026
Kuwait (acceptance)[1]	4 June 1979	4 June 1979
Latvia (accession)	20 May 1992	20 May 1992
Lebanon (accession)	10 November 2008	10 November 2008
Liberia (accession)	28 December 1973	15 July 1977
Libya (accession)	28 April 2005	28 April 2005
Lithuania (accession)	4 December 1991	4 December 1991
Luxembourg (accession)	14 February 1991	14 February 1991
Madagascar (accession)	27 July 2017	27 July 2017
Malaysia (accession)	23 December 1980	23 December 1980
Maldives (accession)	14 January 1981	14 January 1981
Malta (accession)	20 March 1989	20 March 1989

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Marshall Islands (accession)	26 April 1988	26 April 1988
Mauritania (accession)	17 November 1995	17 November 1995
Mauritius (accession)	26 May 1989	26 May 1989
Mexico (accession)	8 April 1976	15 July 1977
Moldova (accession)	11 October 2005	11 October 2005
Monaco (accession)	18 January 1977	15 July 1977
Mongolia (accession)	26 June 2002	26 June 2002
Montenegro (succession)[10, 11]	-	3 June 2006
Morocco (accession)	27 April 1977	15 July 1977
Mozambique (accession)	30 October 1991	30 October 1991
Myanmar (accession)	11 November 1987	11 November 1987
Namibia (accession)	27 November 2000	27 November 2000
Nauru (accession)	18 June 2018	18 June 2018
Netherlands (accession)[8]	4 February 1976	15 July 1977
New Zealand (ratification)	26 November 1976	15 July 1977
Nicaragua (accession)	2 December 1999	2 December 1999
Nigeria (accession)	17 January 1974	15 July 1977
Niue (accession)	18 May 2012	18 May 2012
Norway (ratification)	13 August 1974	15 July 1977
Oman (accession)	25 April 1985	25 April 1985
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 September 2011
Pakistan (accession)	14 December 1977	14 December 1977
Panama (accession)	14 March 1979	14 March 1979
Papua New Guinea (accession)	18 May 1976	15 July 1977
Peru (accession)	9 January 1980	9 January 1980
Philippines (accession)	10 June 2013	10 June 2013
Poland (ratification)	14 December 1976	15 July 1977
Portugal (ratification)[9]	17 October 1978	17 October 1978
Qatar (accession)	31 January 1980	31 January 1980
Republic of Korea (acceptance)	29 July 1977	29 July 1977
Romania (accession)[1]	27 March 1975	15 July 1977
Russian Federation[5] (accession)[1]	9 November 1973	15 July 1977
Saint Kitts and Nevis (accession)	11 June 2004	11 June 2004
Saint Lucia (accession)	20 May 2004	20 May 2004
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (accession)	28 October 1983	28 October 1983
Samoa (accession)	23 October 1979	23 October 1979
San Marino (accession)	19 April 2021	19 April 2021
São Tomé and Principe (accession)	29 October 1998	29 October 1998
Saudi Arabia (accession)	3 July 1978	3 July 1978
Senegal (accession)	27 October 1978	27 October 1978
Serbia (succession)[10 ,11]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles (accession)	22 August 1988	22 August 1988
Sierra Leone (accession)	20 July 2001	20 July 2001
Singapore (accession)	29 April 1977	15 July 1977
Slovakia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Slovenia (succession)	-	25 June 1991
Solomon Islands (succession)	-	7 July 1978
Somalia (accession)	26 June 2026	26 June 2026
South Africa (accession)	20 December 1976	15 July 1977
Spain (accession)	31 May 1974	15 July 1977
Sri Lanka (accession)	4 January 1978	4 January 1978
Sudan (accession)	11 March 2003	11 March 2003
Sweden (ratification)	28 April 1975	15 July 1977
Switzerland (ratification)	30 December 1975	15 July 1977
Syrian Arab Republic (accession)[1]	16 February 1976	15 July 1977
Thailand (accession)	6 August 1979	6 August 1979
Timor-Leste	12 October 2022	12 October 2022
Togo (accession)	19 July 1989	19 July 1989
Tonga (accession)	12 April 1977	15 July 1977
Trinidad and Tobago (accession)	15 February 1979	15 February 1979
Tunisia (accession)	1 February 1978	1 February 1978
Türkiye (accession)	16 May 1980	16 May 1980
Turkmenistan (accession)	4 February 2009	4 February 2009

Tuvalu (succession)	-	1 October 1978
Uganda (accession)	3 April 2019	3 April 2019
Ukraine (accession)	5 March 1993	5 March 1993
United Arab Emirates (accession)	15 December 1983	15 December 1983
United Kingdom (acceptance)[6]	28 June 1974	15 July 1977
United Republic of Tanzania (accession)	16 May 2006	16 May 2006
United States (acceptance)[7]	23 November 1976	15 July 1977
Uruguay (accession)	15 August 1979	15 August 1979
Vanuatu (accession)	28 July 1982	28 July 1982
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (accession)	3 August 1983	3 August 1983
Viet Nam (accession)	18 December 1990	18 December 1990
Yemen (accession)	6 March 1979	6 March 1979

Number of Contracting States: 166

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[1] For the text of a declaration, reservation or statement, see section III.

[2] Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997 and to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

[3] Formerly Zaire.

[4] On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had acceded[1] to the Convention on 15 May 1975.

[5] As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Convention is continued by the Russian Federation.

[6] The United Kingdom declared acceptance to be effective also in respect of:

	Date of deposit of instrument	**Date of entry into force**
Hong Kong*	30 October 1974	15 July 1977
Bailiwick of Jersey, Bailiwick of Guernsey, Isle of Man	15 July 1977	15 July 1977
Belize** Bermuda British Virgin Islands Cayman Islands Falkland Islands and Dependencies*** Gibraltar Gilbert Islands**** Montserrat Pitcairn Islands Group St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha***** Solomon Islands** Turks and Caicos Islands Tuvalu**	8 August 1977	15 July 1977

* International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

[Footnotes continued]

* Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997.

** Has since become an independent State and party to the Convention.

*** The depositary received the following communication, dated 10 September 1986, from the Argentine delegation to the International Maritime Organization:

[Translation]

> "... the Argentine Government rejects the extension made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the application to the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands of the ... Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended ... and reaffirms the right of sovereignty of the Argentine Republic over those archipelagos which form part of its national territory.
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> "The General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted resolutions 2065(XX), 3160(XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12 and 39/6 which recognize the existence of a sovereignty dispute relating to the question of the Malvinas Islands, urging the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom to resume negotiations in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful and definitive solution to the dispute through the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations who is requested to inform the General Assembly on the progress made. Similarly, the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fortieth session adopted resolution 40/21 of 27 November 1985 which again urges both parties to resume the said negotiations."

The depositary received the following communication, dated 3 February 1987, from the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth office:

> "The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland cannot accept the statement made by the Argentine Republic as regards the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have no doubt as to the United Kingdom sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and, accordingly, their right to extend the application of the Treaties to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.
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> "Equally, while noting the Argentine reference to the provisions of Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty signed at Washington on 1 December 1959, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have no doubt as to the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over the British Antarctic Territory, and to the right to extend the application of the Treaties in question to that Territory."

**** Has since become the independent State of Kiribati to which the Convention applies provisionally. Kiribati acceded to the Convention on 5 February 2007.

[7] The United States declared acceptance to be effective also in respect of:

Puerto Rico, Guam, The Panama Canal Zone, The Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Midway, Wake, Johnston Islands, Palmyra Island, Kingman Reef, Howland Island, Baker Island, Jarvis Island and Navassa Island	1 April 1977	15 July 1977

With reference to the acceptance in respect of the Panama Canal Zone and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the United States informed the Depositary as follows:

The Panama Canal Zone reverted to Panama on 1 October 1978. On that date the United States Panama Canal Zone ended.

The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was terminated by the UN Security Council, acting on the recommendation of the Trusteeship Council. The Trust Agreement, with regard to the three territories that entered into Compacts of Free Association with the United States, was terminated as follows:

The Marshall Islands on 21 October 1986, and by United Nations Security Council resolution 683(1990), of 22 December 1990; the Federated States of Micronesia on 3 November 1986, and by United Nations Security Council resolution 683(1990), of 22 December 1990; and Palau on 1 October 1994, and by United Nations Security Council resolution 156(1994), of 10 November 1994.

The fourth territory, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands came under full United States sovereignty on 4 November 1986.

[8] The Netherlands declared accession to be effective also in respect of the Netherlands Antilles* from 1 July 1984 and Aruba (with effect from 1 January 1986)

* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974. The Convention applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	15 July 1977
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	1 January 1986
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

[9] Applies to Macau with effect from 22 March 1999*

[*] Ceased to apply to Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.

[10] As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. The date of succession by Serbia and Montenegro to the Convention is the date on which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia assumed the responsibility for its international relations.

[11] Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wished to succeed to this treaty with effect from the same date, ie. 3 June 2006.

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III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

CANADA

The instrument of accession of Canada was accompanied by the following declaration (in the English language):

> "The Government of Canada considers that the provisions of rule 10, 'Traffic Separation Schemes', do not provide for compulsory use of the adopted schemes. The Government of Canada considers that the compulsory routeing of ships is necessary to avoid collisions between ships and the resulting damage to the marine environment.
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> "The Government of Canada notes that there are no exceptions to rule 10(b) (c) and (h) for vessels engaged in fishing with nets, lines, trawls, trolling lines or other apparatus, or for vessels engaged in special operations such as survey, cable, buoy, pipeline or salvage operations, and that the exceptions in rule 10(e) are not broad enough to adequately provide for vessels engaged in special operations. The Government of Canada considers that the practical application of rule 10 would be complicated without realistic exceptions for fishing vessels and for vessels engaged in special operations.
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> "The Government of Canada therefore does not consider that it is prohibited from providing for the compulsory use of traffic separation schemes or providing for such exceptions to rule 10(b), (c), (e) and (h)."

CUBA

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Cuba contained the following declarations (in the Spanish language):

[Translation]

> "The Government of the Republic of Cuba considers that the provisions of article II of the Convention, notwithstanding the fact that it deals with matters of interest for all States, are discriminatory in nature in that they withhold from a number of States the right of signature and accession, which is contrary to the principle of universality."
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> "The Government of the Republic of Cuba considers that the application of the provisions contained in article III of the Convention is at variance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in resolution 1514(XV) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1960, which proclaims the necessity of putting a speedy and unconditional end to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations."

CZECHIA

The instrument of accession of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic was accompanied by the following declaration (in the English language):

> "... that the provision of article II, paragraph 2 of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea - COLREG (London 1972) prevents some States from becoming parties to the Convention. It is therefore of the opinion that the Convention should be opened to all the interested countries in keeping with the principle of equal sovereignty of States.
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> "The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic deems it also necessary to declare that the provision of article III of the Convention, dealing with the extension of its validity to territories for whose international relations the party to the Convention is responsible, is at variance with the United Nations General Assembly Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolution 1514(XV) of 14 December 1960) which proclaimed the necessity of putting a speedy and unconditional end to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations."

Czechia and Slovakia, as successor States to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, consider themselves bound by the multilateral international treaties to which the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic was a party, as of 1 January 1993, including reservations and declarations made earlier by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

By a communication dated 13 June 1995 the depositary was notified that Czechia, which is a Party to the above-mentioned Convention by virtue of its succession to the former Czechoslovakia, considers henceforth the declaration pertaining to articles II, paragraph 2 and III which accompanied the instrument of accession of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic as obsolete and having lost any relevance.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The instrument of accession of the German Democratic Republic was accompanied by the following declaration (in the German language):

[Translation]

> "The Government of the German Democratic Republic considers that the provisions of article II of the Convention are inconsistent with the principle that all States pursuing their policies in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations shall have the right to become parties to conventions affecting the interests of all States.
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> "The position of the Government of the German Democratic Republic on article III of the Convention, as far as the application of the Convention to colonial and other dependent territories is concerned, is governed by the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolution 1514(XV) of 14 December 1960) proclaiming the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations."

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY[1]

The instrument of ratification of the Federal Republic of Germany was accompanied by a declaration (in the English language) that "the said Convention shall also apply to Berlin (West) with effect from the date on which it enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany".

[»] The depositary received a communication dated 15 November 1976 from the Government of the German Democratic Republic. The communication, the full text of which was circulated by the depositary, includes the following:

> "The German Democratic Republic takes note of the declaration made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on the application to Berlin (West) of the provisions of the Convention of 20 October 1972 on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea on the understanding that the provisions of the Convention will be applied to Berlin (West) in conformity with the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971 which provides that Berlin (West) continues not to be a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and not to be governed by it."

The following communication dated 31 March 1977 was received from the United Kingdom on behalf of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the French Republic and of the United States of America". The communication, the full text of which was circulated by the depositary, includes the following:

> "... the German Democratic Republic is not a party to the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971 which was concluded in Berlin by the Governments of the French Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the United States of America, and is not therefore competent to comment authoritatively on its provisions.
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> The Quadripartite Agreement does not impose any requirement regarding terminology to be used by the Federal Republic of Germany, when extending to the Western Sectors of Berlin Treaties or Agreements to which it has become a party, nor of course, does the Agreement affect terminology used in the past. In any case the use by the Federal Republic of Germany of the terminology mentioned in the Notes under reference can in no way affect quadripartite agreements or decisions relating to Berlin.
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> Consequently the validity of the Berlin Declaration made by the Federal Republic of Germany is unaffected by the use of this terminology."

A further communication dated 11 July 1977 was received from the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in London:

> "By letter of 31 March 1977 addressed on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Secretary-General the Government of the United Kingdom, also on behalf of the Government of France and of the United States of America, answered the assertions made in the communications referred to above. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the basis of the legal situation set out in that letter, wishes to confirm that the application in

Berlin (West) of the above mentioned instrument extended by it under the established procedures continues in full force and effect."

HUNGARY

The instrument of accession of the Hungarian People's Republic was accompanied by the following statement and declaration (in the English language):

"The Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic declares that article II, paragraph (2) of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea of 1972, which does not allow some States to become a Party to the Convention, is of discriminative nature. The Convention regulates such questions which concern all States and, therefore, under the principle of sovereign equality of States, it should be open for all States without any restriction and discrimination.

"The Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic also declares that article III of the Convention is at variance with the UN General Assembly's resolution No. 1514(XV) of 14 December 1960 on the granting of independence to the colonial countries and peoples, which declared the necessity of the unconditional elimination of all forms of colonialism."

KUWAIT[1]

The instrument of acceptance of the State of Kuwait was accompanied by the following Understanding (in the English language):

"It is understood that the ratification of the State of Kuwait of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and Regulations attached thereto done at London, on the 20th of October, 1972, does not in any way mean recognition of Israel by the State of Kuwait. Furthermore, no treaty relations will arise between the State of Kuwait and Israel."

ROMANIA

The instrument of accession of the Socialist Republic of Romania was accompanied by the following statements (in the French language):

[Translation]

"(a) The Council of State of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the provisions of rule 18(2) of the Convention are not in accord with the principle whereby international treaties, the objectives and aims of which are of concern to the international community as a whole, should be open to participation by all States.

"(b) The Council o" State of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the maintenance in a state of dependence of certain territories, to which the provisions of article III of the Convention refer, is not in accord with the Charter of the United Nations and the documents adopted by the United Nations concerning the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, including the Declaration on the principles of international law affecting friendly relations and co-operation between States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly resolution 2625(XXV) of 1970, which solemnly proclaims the right of States to encourage achievement of the principle of the equality of rights of peoples and their right to take their own decisions, with a view to putting a swift end to colonialism."

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[1] The depositary received the following communication dated 3 December 1979 from the Ambassador of Israel in London:

"The instrument of acceptance deposited by the Government of the State of Kuwait was accompanied by a statement of a political character in respect of Israel. In the view of the Government of Israel, this Convention is not the proper place for making such political pronouncements. Moreover, the said declaration cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon Kuwait under general international law or under particular conventions. The Government of Israel will, so far as concerns the substance of the matter, adopt towards the Government of the State of Kuwait an attitude of complete reciprocity."

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The instrument of accession of the Syrian Arab Republic contains the following sentence (in the Arabic language):

[Translation]

> "... the acceptance of the Syrian Arab Republic to the regulations stipulated in the said Convention and its ratification do not imply in any way the recognition in Israel and do not lead to its engagement with it in any dealings that may be regulated by the said Convention."

USSR

The instrument of accession of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was accompanied by the following declarations (in the Russian language):

[Translation]

> "The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics declares that article II, paragraph 2, of the 1972 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, under which certain States are precluded from becoming parties to that Convention, is of a discriminatory character, and considers that, in accordance with the principle of the sovereign equality of States, the Convention should be open to participation by all interested States without discrimination or restriction.
>
> "The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics also deems it necessary to declare that the provisions of article III of the 1972 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, concerning the extension of its application to a territory for whose international relations a Contracting Party is responsible, are out-dated and contrary to the Declaration of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples (resolution 1514(XV) of 14 December 1960), which proclaimed the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations."

IV. Amendments

(1) 1981 Amendments (A.464(XII))

A. Adoption

On 19 November 1981 the Assembly adopted amendments to the Regulations by resolution A.464(XII).

B. Entry into force

The Assembly decided, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article VI of the Convention, that each amendment shall enter into force on 1 June 1983 unless by 1 June l982 more than one-third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received and the date of entry into force of the amendments was accordingly 1 June 1983.

(2) 1987 Amendments (A.626(15)

A. Adoption

On 19 November 1987 the Assembly adopted amendments to the Regulations by resolution A.626(15).

B. Entry into force

The Assembly decided, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article VI of the Convention, that each amendment shall enter into force on 19 November 1989 unless by 19 May 1988 more than one-third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received and the date of entry into force of the amendments was accordingly 19 November 1989.

(3) 1989 Amendment (A.678(16))

A. Adoption

On 19 October 1989 the Assembly adopted an amendment to the Regulations by resolution A.678(16).

B. Entry into force

The Assembly decided, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article VI of the Convention, that the amendment shall enter into force on 19 April 1991 unless by 19 April 1990 more than one-third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 19 April 1991.

(4) 1993 Amendments (A.736(18))

A. Adoption

On 4 November 1993 the Assembly adopted amendments to the Regulations by resolution A.736(18).

B. Entry into force

The Assembly decided, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article VI of the Convention, that the amendments shall enter into force on 4 November 1995 unless by 4 May 1994 more than one-third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendments. As at 4 May 1994 only one objection[1] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 4 November 1995.

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[1] Objection received from Tunisia.

(5) 2001 Amendments (A.910(22))

A. Adoption

On 29 November 2001 the Assembly adopted amendments to the Regulations by resolution A.910(22).

B. Entry into force

The Assembly decided, in accordance with paragraph 4, article VI of the Convention, that the amendments shall enter into force on 29 November 2003 unless by 29 May 2002 more than one-third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 29 November 2003.

(6) 2007 Amendments (A.1004(25))

A. Adoption

On 29 November 2007 the Assembly adopted amendments to the Regulations by resolution A.1004(25).

B. Entry into force

The Assembly decided, in accordance with paragraph 4, article VI of the Convention, that the amendments shall enter into force on 1 December 2009 unless, by 1 June 2008 more than one-third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 December 2009.

(7) 2013 Amendments (to make the use of the III Code mandatory) (A.1085(28))

A. Adoption

On 4 December 2013 the Assembly adopted amendments to the Convention by resolution A.1085(28)

B. Entry into force

The Assembly decided, in accordance with paragraph 4, article VI of the Convention, that the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, by 1 July 2015 more than one-third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendments. As at 1 July 2015 two objections[1] were received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

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[1] The depositary received, on 26 May 2015, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments.
The depositary received, on 29 December 2017 a further communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows: "The Embassy has the honour hereby to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entry into force of the aforementioned amendments and can thus withdraw its objection."

The depositary received, on 25 June 2015, a communication from the Government of the United States of America (USA) that due to national legislative requirements, the Government of the USA objects to these amendments until the required domestic process is complete.

PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973[1], (MARPOL)

Done at London, 17 February 1978

Entry into force: 2 October 1983

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

Article IV

1. The present Protocol shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 June 1978 to 31 May 1979 and shall thereafter remain open for accession. States may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

(a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or
(b) signature, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or
(c) accession.

2. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

Entry into force

Article V

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become Parties to it in accordance with article IV of the present Protocol.

2. Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Protocol enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of deposit.

3. After the date on which an amendment to the present Protocol is deemed to have been accepted in accordance with article 16 of the Convention, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited shall apply to the present Protocol as amended.

Article 15

of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973[1]

(1) The present Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become parties to it in accordance with Article 13 of the present Convention.

(2) An Optional Annex shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which the conditions stipulated in paragraph (1) of the present Article have been satisfied in relation to that Annex.

(3) The Organization shall inform the States which have signed the present Convention or acceded to it of the date on which it enters into force and of the date on which an Optional Annex enters into force in accordance with paragraph (2) of the present article.

(4) For States which have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in respect of the present Convention or any Optional Annex after the requirements for entry into force thereof have been met but prior to the date of entry into force, the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall take effect on the date of entry into force of the Convention or such Annex or three months after the date of deposit of the instrument whichever is the later date.

(5) For States which have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after the date on which the Convention or an Optional Annex entered into force, the Convention or the Optional Annex shall become effective three months after the date of deposit of the instrument.

(6) After the date on which all the conditions required under article 16 to bring an amendment to the present Convention or an Optional Annex into force have been fulfilled, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited shall apply to the Convention or Annex as amended.

Amendments

Article 16

of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973[1]

(1) The present Convention may be amended by any of the procedures specified in the following paragraphs.

(2) Amendments after consideration by the Organization:

(a) any amendment proposed by a Party to the Convention shall be submitted to the Organization and circulated by its Secretary-General to all Members of the Organization and all Parties at least six months prior to its consideration;

(b) any amendment proposed and circulated as above shall be submitted to an appropriate body by the Organization for consideration;

(c) Parties to the Convention, whether or not Members of the Organization, shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the appropriate body;

(d) amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of only the Parties to the Convention present and voting;

(e) if adopted in accordance with subparagraph (d) above, amendments shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the Organization to all the Parties to the Convention for acceptance;

(f) an amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted in the following circumstances:

(i) an amendment to an article of the Convention shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date on which it is accepted by two-thirds of the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet;

(ii) an amendment to an Annex to the Convention shall be deemed to have been accepted in accordance with the procedure specified in subparagraph (f)(iii) unless the appropriate body, at the time of its adoption, determines that the amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date on which it is accepted by two-thirds of the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet. Nevertheless, at any time before the entry into force of an amendment to an Annex to the Convention, a Party may notify the Secretary-General of the Organization that its express approval will be necessary before the amendment enters into force for it. The latter shall bring such notification and the date of its receipt to the notice of Parties;

(iii) an amendment to an appendix to an Annex to the Convention shall be deemed to have been accepted at the end of a period to be determined by the appropriate body at the time of its adoption, which period shall be not less than ten months, unless within that period an objection is communicated to the Organization by not less than one-third of the Parties or by the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet whichever condition is fulfilled;

(iv) an amendment to Protocol I to the Convention shall be subject to the same procedures as for the amendments to the Annexes to the Convention, as provided for in subparagraphs (f)(ii) or (f)(iii) above;

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[1] **Note by the Depositary**

The Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 incorporates with modifications the provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973. Accordingly, as of 2 October 1983, the regime to be applied by the States Parties to it is the regime contained in the 1973 Convention as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (1973/78 MARPOL).

(v) an amendment to Protocol II to the Convention shall be subject to the same procedures as for the amendments to an article of the Convention, as provided for in subparagraph (f)(i) above;

(g) the amendment shall enter into force under the following conditions:

(i) in the case of an amendment to an article of the Convention, to Protocol II, or to Protocol I or to an Annex to the Convention not under the procedure specified in subparagraph (f)(iii), the amendment accepted in conformity with the foregoing provisions shall enter into force six months after the date of its acceptance with respect to the Parties which have declared that they have accepted it;

(ii) in the case of an amendment to Protocol I, to an appendix to an Annex or to an Annex to the Convention under the procedure specified in subparagraph (f)(iii), the amendment deemed to have been accepted in accordance with the foregoing conditions shall enter into force six months after its acceptance for all the Parties with the exception of those which, before that date, have made a declaration that they do not accept it or a declaration under subparagraph (f)(ii), that their express approval is necessary.

I. Signatories

II. Contracting States

(1) Protocol
(2) Optional Annexes

(a) Annex III
(b) Annex IV
(c) Annex V

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

IV. Amendments

I. Signatories

Australia	Subject to ratification
France	Sous réserve d'approbation ultérieure
Germany, Federal Republic of	Subject to ratification
Liberia	Subject to ratification
Mexico	Ad referendum
Netherlands	Subject to approval
Poland	Subject to ratification
Spain	A reserva de ratificación
Sweden	Subject to ratification
United Kingdom	Subject to ratification
United States	Subject to ratification
Uruguay	(Signature)

II. Contracting States

(1) Protocol

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania (accession)	9 January 2007	9 April 2007
Algeria (accession)[1]	31 January 1989	1 May 1989
Angola (accession)	4 October 2001	4 January 2002
Antigua and Barbuda (accession)	29 January 1988	29 April 1988
Argentina (accession)[1]	31 August 1993	1 December 1993
Australia (ratification)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	14 October 1987	14 January 1988
(in respect of Annex V)	14 August 1990	
(in respect of Annex III)	10 October 1994	
(in respect of Annex IV)	27 February 2004	
Austria (accession)	27 May 1988	27 August 1988
Azerbaijan (accession)	16 July 2004	16 October 2004
Bahamas (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	7 June 1983	2 October 1983
(in respect of Annex V)	12 October 1990	
(in respect of Annex III)	11 August 1992	
(in respect of Annex VI)	8 June 2017	8 September 2017
Bahrain (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	27 April 2007	27 July 2007
Bangladesh (accession)	18 December 2002	18 March 2003
Barbados (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annex IV of the Convention)	6 May 1994	6 August 1994
(in respect of Annex IV)	26 November 2001	
Belarus (accession)	7 January 1994	7 April 1994
Belgium (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	6 March 1984	6 June 1984
(in respect of Annexes III and V)	27 October 1988	
(in respect of Annex IV)	4 January 1996	
Belize (accession)	26 May 1995	26 August 1995
Benin (accession)	11 February 2000	11 May 2000
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (accession)	4 June 1999	4 September 1999
Brazil (ratification)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	29 January 1988	29 April 1988
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	8 November 1995	
Brunei Darussalam (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	23 October 1986	23 January 1987
Bulgaria (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	12 December 1984	12 March 1985
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	13 May 1993	

Cambodia (accession)	28 November 1994	28 February 1995
Cameroon (accession)	18 September 2009	18 December 2009
Canada (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	16 November 1992	16 February 1993
(in respect of Annex III)	8 August 2002	
Cabo Verde (accession)	4 July 2003	4 October 2003
Chile (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annex V of the Convention)	10 October 1994	10 January 1995
(in respect of Annex V)	15 August 2008	15 November 2008
China (accession)[1, 2] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	1 July 1983	2 October 1983
(in respect of Annex V)	21 November 1988	
(in respect of Annex III)	13 September 1994	
(in respect of Annex IV)[15]	2 November 2006	
Colombia (accession)	27 July 1981	2 October 1983
Comoros (accession)	22 November 2000	22 February 2001
Congo (accession)	7 September 2004	7 December 2004
Cook Islands (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	12 March 2007	12 June 2007
Costa Rica (accession)[1]	27 November 2025	27 February 2026
Côte d'Ivoire (accession)	5 October 1987	5 January 1988
Croatia (succession)	-	8 October 1991
Cuba (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	21 December 1992	21 March 1993
(in respect of Annex V)	12 February 2002	
(in respect of Annexes III and IV)	14 January 2025	
Cyprus (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	22 June 1989	22 September 1989
(in respect of Annex III)	22 March 2004	
(in respect of Annex IV)	30 May 2006	30 August 2006
Czechia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (accession)	1 May 1985	1 August 1985
Denmark (accession)[1, 3]	27 November 1980	2 October 1983
Djibouti (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	1 March 1990	1 June 1990
Dominica (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	21 June 2000	21 September 2000
(in respect of Annex III)	31 August 2001	
Dominican Republic (accession)	24 June 1999	24 September 1999
Ecuador (accession)	18 May 1990	18 August 1990
Egypt (accession)	7 August 1986	7 November 1986
El Salvador (accession)	24 September 2008	24 December 2008
Equatorial Guinea (accession)	24 April 1996	24 July 1996
Estonia (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	16 December 1991	16 March 1992
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	18 August 1992	-
Finland (accession)	20 September 1983	2 October 1983
Fiji (accession) (including annexes IV and V)	8 March 2016	8 June 2016
France (approval)[1]	25 September 1981	2 October 1983
Gabon (accession)	26 April 1983	2 October 1983
Gambia (accession)	1 November 1991	1 February 1992
Georgia (accession)	8 November 1994	8 February 1995
Germany (ratification)[1, 4]	21 January 1982	2 October 1983
Ghana (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	3 June 1991	3 September 1991
Greece (accession)	23 September 1982	2 October 1983
Grenada (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	26 July 2018	26 October 2018
Guatemala (accession)	3 November 1997	3 February 1998
Guinea (accession)	2 October 2002	2 January 2003
Guinea-Bissau (accession)	24 October 2016	24 January 2017
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	24 October 2016	24 January 2017
Guyana (accession)	10 December 1997	10 March 1998
Honduras (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	21 August 2001	21 November 2001
Hungary (accession)	14 January 1985	14 April 1985

Iceland (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	25 June 1985	25 September 1985
(in respect of Annexes III and V)	30 June 1989	
India (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	24 September 1986	24 December 1986
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	11 June 2003	
Indonesia (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	21 October 1986	21 January 1987
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	25 October 2002	25 January 2003
Iraq (accession)	6 February 2018	6 May 2018
Ireland (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	6 January 1995	6 April 1995
(in respect of Annex III)	27 April 1998	
(in respect of Annex IV)	10 August 2006	10 November 2006
Israel (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	31 August 1983	2 October 1983
(in respect of Annex III)	1 October 1996	-
Italy (accession)	1 October 1982	2 October 1983
Jamaica (accession)	13 March 1991	13 June 1991
Japan (accession)[1]	9 June 1983	2 October 1983
Jordan (accession)	2 June 2006	2 September 2006
Kazakhstan (accession)	7 March 1994	7 June 1994
Kenya (accession)	15 December 1992	15 March 1993
Kiribati (accession)	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kyrgyzstan (accession)	15 October 2026	15 January 2027
Kuwait (accession)	7 August 2007	7 November 2007
Latvia (accession)	20 May 1992	20 August 1992
Lebanon (accession)	18 July 1983	2 October 1983
Liberia (ratification) (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)[1]	28 October 1980	2 October 1983
(in respect of Annex V)	12 June 1995	
(in respect of Annex III)	5 October 1995	
(in respect of Annex IV)	21 August 2006	21 November 2006
Libya (accession)	28 April 2005	28 July 2005
Lithuania (accession)	4 December 1991	4 March 1992
Luxembourg (accession)	14 February 1991	14 May 1991
Madagascar (accession)	30 August 2005	30 November 2005
Malawi (accession)	17 December 2001	17 March 2002
Malaysia (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	31 January 1997	1 May 1997
Maldives (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	20 May 2005	20 August 2005
Malta (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	21 June 1991	21 September 1991
(in respect of Annexes III and V of the Convention)	13 February 2004	
Marshall Islands (accession)	26 April 1988	26 July 1988
Mauritania (accession)	24 November 1997	24 February 1998
Mauritius (accession)	6 April 1995	6 July 1995
Mexico (ratification)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	23 April 1992	23 July 1992
(in respect of Annex V)	15 July 1998	
Moldova (accession)	11 October 2005	11 January 2006
Monaco (accession)	20 August 1992	20 November 1992
Mongolia (accession)	15 October 2003	15 January 2004
Montenegro (succession)[9, 10]	-	3 June 2006
Morocco (accession)	12 October 1993	12 January 1994
Mozambique (accession)	9 November 2005	9 February 2006
Myanmar (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	4 May 1988	4 August 1988
(in respect of Annex III)	5 April 2016	5 July 2016
(in respect of Annex IV)	5 April 2016	5 July 2016
(in respect of Annex V)	5 April 2016	5 July 2016
Namibia (accession) (with the exception of Annex IV)	18 December 2002	18 March 2003

Netherlands (approval)[1, 5](with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	30 June 1983	2 October 1983
(in respect of Annexes III and V of the Convention)	19 April 1988	
(in respect of Annex IV of the Convention)	11 November 2005	
New Zealand (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annex IV of the Convention)	25 September 1998	25 December 1998
Nicaragua (accession)	1 February 2001	1 May 2001
Nigeria (accession)	24 May 2002	24 August 2002
Niue (accession)	27 June 2012	27 September 2012
Norway (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annex IV of the Convention)	15 July 1980	2 October 1983
(in respect of Annex IV)	26 September 2002	
Oman (accession)[1]	13 March 1984	13 June 1984
Pakistan (accession)	22 November 1994	22 February 1995
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Panama (accession)	20 February 1985	20 May 1985
Papua New Guinea (accession)	25 October 1993	25 January 1994
Peru (accession)	25 April 1980	2 October 1983
Philippines (accession)	15 June 2001	15 September 2001
Poland (ratification)	1 April 1986	1 July 1986
Portugal (accession)[8]	22 October 1987	22 January 1988
Qatar (accession)	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Republic of Korea (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	23 July 1984	23 October 1984
(in respect of Annexes III and V)	28 February 1996	
(in respect of Annex IV)	28 November 2003	28 February 2004
Romania (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)[1]	15 April 1993	15 July 1993
(in respect of Annex IV)	5 July 2006	5 October 2006
Russian Federation (accession)[1, 6] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	3 November 1983	3 February 1984
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	14 August 1987	
Saint Kitts and Nevis (accession)[1]	24 December 1997	24 March 1998
Saint Lucia (accession)	12 July 2000	12 October 2000
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (accession)	28 October 1983	28 January 1984
Samoa (accession)	7 February 2002	7 May 2002
San Marino (accession)	19 April 2021	19 July 2021
São Tomé and Principe (accession)	29 October 1998	29 January 1999
Saudi Arabia (accession)	23 May 2005	23 August 2005
Senegal (accession)	16 January 1997	16 April 1997
Serbia (succession)[9, 10]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	28 November 1990	28 February 1991
Sierra Leone (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	26 July 2001	26 October 2001
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	23 May 2002	
Singapore (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	1 November 1990	1 February 1991
(in respect of Annex III)	2 March 1994	
(in respect of Annex V)	27 May 1999	
Slovakia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Slovenia (succession)	-	25 June 1991
Solomon Islands (accession)	30 June 2004	30 September 2004
Somalia (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	16 March 2020	16 June 2020
South Africa (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	28 November 1984	28 February 1985
(in respect of Annex V)	13 May 1992	
(in respect of Annex IV)	17 September 2015	
(in respect of Annex III)	5 February 1997	
Spain (ratification)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	6 July 1984	6 October 1984
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	21 January 1991	
Sri Lanka (accession)	24 June 1997	24 September 1997
Suriname (accession)	4 November 1988	4 February 1989
Sweden (ratification)	9 June 1980	2 October 1983

Switzerland (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	15 December 1987	15 March 1988
(in respect of Annexes III and V)	30 April 1990	
(in respect of Annex IV)	20 November 1998	
Syrian Arab Republic (accession)[1]	9 November 1988	9 February 1989
(with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)		
(in respect of Annexes III, IV and V)	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Thailand (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V)	2 November 2007	2 February 2008
Timor-Leste	12 October 2022	12 January 2023
Togo (accession)	9 February 1990	9 May 1990
Tonga (accession)	1 February 1996	1 May 1996
Trinidad and Tobago (accession)	6 March 2000	6 June 2000
Tunisia (accession)	10 October 1980	2 October 1983
Türkiye (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention)	10 October 1990	10 January 1991
Turkmenistan (accession)	4 February 2009	4 May 2009
Tuvalu (accession)	22 August 1985	22 November 1985
Uganda (accession) (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	3 April 2019	3 July 2019
Ukraine (accession)	25 October 1993	25 January 1994
United Arab Emirates (accession)	15 January 2007	15 April 2007
United Kingdom (ratification)[1, 7]	22 May 1980	2 October 1983
(with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)		
(in respect of Annexes III and V)[1]	27 May 1986	
(in respect of Annex IV)[1]	11 September 1995	
United Republic of Tanzania (accession)	23 July 2008	23 October 2008
United States (ratification)[1]	12 August 1980	2 October 1983
(with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)		
(in respect of Annex V)	30 December 1987	
(in respect of Annex III)	1 July 1991	
Uruguay (signature)	30 April 1979	2 October 1983
Vanuatu (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	13 April 1989	13 July 1989
(in respect of Annexes III and V)	22 April 1991	-
(in respect of Annex IV)	15 March 2004	15 June 2004
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (accession)	29 July 1994	29 October 1994
Viet Nam (accession)[1] (with the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention)	29 May 1991	29 August 1991

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[1] For the text of a reservation, declaration or statement, see section III.

[2] Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997 and to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

Extension of the application by the Government of the People's Republic of China to the Macao Special Administrative Region and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, of Optional Annex IV, with effect from 2 February 2007.

[3] Accession by Denmark was declared to be effective in respect of the Faroes as from 25 April 1985 and in respect of Greenland, with the exception of Optional Annex IV, with effect from 1 January 1997.

[4] On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Convention on 25 April 1984.

[Footnotes continued]

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[5] Approval by the Netherlands was declared to be effective in respect of the Netherlands Antilles* and, with effect from 1 January 1986, in respect of Aruba.
* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974.. The Protocol applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	2 October 1983
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	1 January 1986
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

Extension of the application by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Aruba, of the Optional Annex IV with effect from 20 April 2006.

[6] As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Protocol is continued by the Russian Federation.

[7] Ratification by the United Kingdom was declared to be effective in respect of:

Hong Kong* from 11 April 1985	)	
Isle of Man from 1 July 1986	)	- in respect of Annexes I and II of the Convention only
Bailiwick of Jersey from 30 July 2012	)	
Cayman Islands from 23 June 1988	)	
Bermuda from 23 June 1988	)	- in respect of Annexes I, II, III and V of the Convention only
Gibraltar from 1 December 1988	)	
Isle of Man from 1 August 1992		- in respect of Annex V of the Convention
Isle of Man from 9 June 1994		- in respect of Annex III of the Convention
Hong Kong* from 7 March 1995		- in respect of Annex III of the Convention
Falkland Islands** from 14 November 1995		- in respect of Annexes I, II, III and V of the Convention
Hong Kong* from 27 March 1996		- in respect of Annex V of the Convention

Extended to the British Virgin Islands with effect from 19 June 2006.

* Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997

** The depositary received, on 28 December 1995, the following communication from the Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Argentine Republic, London:

[Translation]

> "The Argentine Republic rejects the statement by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by the Protocol of 1978, to the effect that Annexes I, II, III (optional) and V (optional) of the Convention shall apply to the Malvinas Islands "with immediate effect".
>
> The Argentine Republic recalls the adoption, by the General Assembly of the United Nations, of resolutions 2065(XX), 3160(XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, acknowledging the existence of a dispute concerning sovereignty and urging the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to enter into negotiations with a view to identifying means of pacific and final settlement of the outstanding problems between the two countries, including all matters concerning the future of the Malvinas Islands, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."

[Footnotes continued]

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The depositary received, on 12 June 1996, the following communication from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London:

> "The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has noted the declaration of the Government of Argentina regarding the extension by the United Kingdom of the application of the [International] Convention [for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto] to the Falkland Islands and to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.
>
> The British Government have no doubt about the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over the Falkland Islands and over South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and their consequential right to extend the said Convention to these Territories."

[8] Applies to Macau with effect from 24 August 1999.[*]

[*] Ceased to apply to Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.

[9] As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. The date of succession by Serbia and Montenegro to the Protocol and its Optional Annexes III, IV and V, is the date on which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia assumed responsibility for its international relations.

[10] Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wishes to succeed to this treaty with effect from the same date, ie. 3 June 2006.

(2) Optional Annexes

(a) States having accepted Optional Annex III

	Date of deposit of acceptance	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania	9 January 2007	9 April 2007
Algeria	31 January 1989	1 July 1992
Angola	4 October 2001	4 January 2002
Antigua and Barbuda	29 January 1988	1 July 1992
Argentina	31 August 1993	1 December 1993
Australia	10 October 1994	10 January 1995
Austria	27 May 1988	1 July 1992
Azerbaijan	16 July 2004	16 October 2004
Bahamas	11 August 1992	11 November 1992
Bangladesh	18 December 2002	18 March 2003
Barbados	6 May 1994	6 August 1994
Belarus	7 January 1994	7 April 1994
Belgium	27 October 1988	1 July 1992
Belize	26 May 1995	26 August 1995
Benin	11 February 2000	11 May 2000
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	4 June 1999	4 September 1999
Brazil	8 November 1995	8 February 1996
Brunei Darussalam (acceptance)	25 April 2016	25 July 2016
Bulgaria	13 May 1993	13 August 1993
Cambodia	28 November 1994	28 February 1995
Cameroon (accession)	18 September 2009	18 December 2009
Canada	8 August 2002	8 November 2002
Cape Verde	4 July 2003	4 October 2003
Chile	10 October 1994	10 January 1995
China[3]	13 September 1994	13 December 1994
Colombia	27 July 1981	1 July 1992
Comoros	22 November 2000	22 February 2001
Congo	7 September 2004	7 December 2004
Costa Rica (accession)[1]	27 November 2025	27 February 2026
Côte d'Ivoire	5 October 1987	1 July 1992
Croatia (succession)	-	1 July 1992
Cuba	13 January 2025	13 April 2025
Cyprus	22 March 2004	22 June 2004
Czechia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1 May 1985	1 July 1992
Denmark[4]	27 November 1980	1 July 1992
Djibouti	12 October 2015	12 January 2016
Dominica	31 August 2001	30 November 2001
Dominican Republic	24 June 1999	24 September 1999
Ecuador	18 May 1990	1 July 1992
Egypt	7 August 1986	1 July 1992
El Salvador	24 September 2008	24 December 2008
Equatorial Guinea	24 April 1996	24 July 1996
Estonia	18 August 1992	18 November 1992
Finland	20 September 1983	1 July 1992
France	25 September 1981	1 July 1992
Gabon	26 April 1983	1 July 1992
Gambia	1 November 1991	1 July 1992
Georgia	8 November 1994	8 February 1995
Germany[5]	21 January 1982	1 July 1992
Ghana	1 October 2010	1 January 2011
Greece	23 September 1982	1 July 1992
Guatemala	3 November 1997	3 February 1998
Guinea	2 October 2002	2 January 2003
Guinea-Bissau	24 October 2016	24 January 2017
Guyana	10 December 1997	10 March 1998
Honduras	30 November 2015	29 February 2016
Hungary	14 January 1985	1 July 1992

Iceland	30 June 1989	1 July 1992
India	11 June 2003	11 September 2003
Indonesia	24 August 2012	24 November 2012
Iran, Islamic Republic of (accession)	29 May 2009	29 August 2009
Iraq (accession)	6 February 2018	6 May 2018
Ireland	27 April 1998	27 July 1998
Israel	1 October 1996	1 January 1997
Italy	1 October 1982	1 July 1992
Jamaica	13 March 1991	1 July 1992
Japan	9 June 1983	1 July 1992
Jordan	2 June 2006	2 September 2006
Kazakhstan	7 March 1994	7 June 1994
Kenya	15 December 1992	15 March 1993
Kiribati	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kyrgyzstan	15 October 2026	15 January 2027
Kuwait	7 August 2007	7 November 2007
Latvia	20 May 1992	20 August 1992
Lebanon	18 July 1983	1 July 1992
Liberia	5 October 1995	5 January 1996
Libya	28 April 2005	28 July 2005
Lithuania	4 December 1991	1 July 1992
Luxembourg	14 February 1991	1 July 1992
Madagascar	30 August 2005	30 November 2005
Malawi	17 December 2001	17 March 2002
Malaysia	27 September 2010	27 December 2010
Malta	13 February 2004	13 May 2004
Marshall Islands	26 April 1988	1 July 1992
Mauritania	24 November 1997	24 February 1998
Mauritius	6 April 1995	6 July 1995
Mexico	15 July 2022	15 October 2022
Moldova	11 October 2005	11 January 2006
Monaco	20 August 1992	20 November 1992
Mongolia	15 October 2003	15 January 2004
Montenegro (succession)[9]	-	3 June 2006
Morocco	12 October 1993	12 January 1994
Mozambique	9 November 2005	9 February 2006
Myanmar	5 April 2016	5 July 2016
Namibia	18 December 2002	18 March 2003
Netherlands[6]	19 April 1988	1 July 1992
New Zealand	25 September 1998	25 December 1998
Nicaragua	1 February 2001	1 May 2001
Nigeria	24 May 2002	24 August 2002
Niue	27 June 2012	27 September 2012
Norway	15 July 1980	1 July 1992
Oman	13 March 1984	1 July 1992
Pakistan	22 November 1994	22 February 1995
Palau	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Panama	20 February 1985	1 July 1992
Papua New Guinea	25 October 1993	25 January 1994
Peru	25 April 1980	1 July 1992
Philippines	15 June 2001	15 September 2001
Poland	1 April 1986	1 July 1992
Portugal[8]	22 October 1987	1 July 1992
Qatar	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Republic of Korea	28 February 1996	28 May 1996
Romania	8 April 2002	8 July 2002
Russian Federation[7]	14 August 1987	1 July 1992
Saint Kitts and Nevis	24 December 1997	24 March 1998
Saint Lucia	12 July 2000	12 October 2000
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	28 October 1983	1 July 1992
Samoa	7 February 2002	7 May 2002
San Marino	19 April 2021	19 July 2021
São Tomé and Principe	29 October 1998	29 January 1999
Saudi Arabia	23 May 2005	23 August 2005
Senegal	16 January 1997	16 April 1997
Serbia (succession)[9]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles	29 November 2019	29 February 2020

Sierra Leone	23 May 2003	23 August 2002
Singapore	2 March 1994	2 June 1994
Slovakia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Slovenia (succession)	-	1 July 1992
Solomon Islands (accession)	30 June 2004	30 September 2004
South Africa	5 February 1997	5 May 1997
Spain	21 January 1991	1 July 1992
Sri Lanka	24 June 1997	24 September 1997
Sudan (acceptance)	21 January 2015	21 April 2015
Suriname	4 November 1988	1 July 1992
Sweden	9 June 1980	1 July 1992
Switzerland	30 April 1990	1 July 1992
Syrian Arab Republic	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Togo	9 February 1990	1 July 1992
Tonga	1 February 1996	1 May 1996
Trinidad and Tobago	6 March 2000	6 June 2000
Tunisia	10 October 1980	1 July 1992
Türkiye	14 October 2014	14 January 2015
Turkmenistan	4 February 2009	4 May 2009
Tuvalu	22 August 1985	1 July 1992
Ukraine	25 October 1993	25 January 1994
United Arab Emirates	15 January 2007	15 April 2007
United Kingdom[1, 2]	27 May 1986	1 July 1992
United Republic of Tanzania	23 July 2008	23 October 2008
United States	1 July 1991	1 July 1992
Uruguay	30 April 1979	1 July 1992
Vanuatu	22 April 1991	1 July 1992
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	29 July 1994	29 October 1994
Viet Nam	19 December 2014	19 March 2015

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[1] For the text of a statement, see section III.

[2] Acceptance by the United Kingdom was declared to be effective in respect of:

Cayman Islands	- from 23 June 1988
Bermuda	- from 23 June 1988
Gibraltar	- from 1 December 1988
Isle of Man	- from 9 June 1994
Hong Kong*	- from 7 March 1995
Falkland Islands**	- from 14 November 1995
British Virgin Islands	- from 19 June 2006

* Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997.

** For the texts of communications received from the Argentine Republic and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, see footnote 8 to section II (1).

[3] Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997 and to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

[4] Acceptance by Denmark was declared to be effective in respect of the Faroes and in respect of Greenland with effect from 25 April 1985 and 1 January 1997, respectively.

[5] On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had accepted Annex III on 25 April 1984.

[Footnotes continued]

[Footnotes continued]

[6] Acceptance by the Netherlands was declared to be effective in respect of the Netherlands Antilles* and Aruba.

* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974. Annex III applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	1 July 1992
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	1 July 1992
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

[7] As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Protocol is continued by the Russian Federation.

[8] Applies to Macau with effect from 24 August 1999.[*]

[*] Ceased to apply to Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.

[9] Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wished to succeed to this treaty with effect from the same date, ie. 3 June 2006.

(b) States having accepted Optional Annex IV

	Date of deposit of acceptance or succession	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania	9 January 2007	9 April 2007
Algeria	31 January 1989	27 September 2003
Angola	4 October 2001	27 September 2003
Antigua and Barbuda	29 January 1988	27 September 2003
Argentina	31 August 1993	27 September 2003
Australia	27 February 2004	27 May 2004
Austria	27 May 1988	27 September 2003
Azerbaijan	16 July 2004	16 October 2004
Bahamas	8 June 2017	8 September 2017
Bangladesh	18 December 2002	27 September 2003
Barbados	26 November 2001	27 September 2003
Belarus	7 January 1994	27 September 2003
Belgium	4 January 1996	27 September 2003
Belize	26 May 1995	27 September 2003
Benin	11 February 2000	27 September 2003
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	4 June 1999	27 September 2003
Brazil	8 November 1995	27 September 2003
Bulgaria	13 May 1993	27 September 2003
Cambodia	28 November 1994	27 September 2003
Cameroon (accession)	18 September 2009	18 December 2009
Canada (accession)	26 March 2010	26 June 2010
Cape Verde	4 July 2003	4 October 2003
Chile	10 October 1994	27 September 2003
China[7]	2 November 2006	2 February 2007
Colombia	27 July 1981	2 February 2007
Comoros	22 November 2000	2 February 2007
Congo	7 September 2004	7 December 2004
Costa Rica (accession)[1]	27 November 2025	27 February 2026
Côte d'Ivoire	5 October 1987	27 September 2003
Croatia (succession)	8 October 1991	27 September 2003
Cyprus	30 May 2006	30 August 2006
Cuba	13 January 2025	13 April 2025
Czechia (succession)	1 January 1993	27 September 2003
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1 May 1985	27 September 2003
Denmark[2]	27 November 1980	27 September 2003
Djibouti	12 October 2015	12 January 2016
Dominican Republic	24 June 1999	27 September 2003
Ecuador	18 May 1990	27 September 2003
Egypt	7 August 1986	27 September 2003
El Salvador	24 September 2008	24 December 2008
Equatorial Guinea	24 April 1996	27 September 2003
Estonia	18 August 1992	27 September 2003
Finland	20 September 1983	27 September 2003
Fiji	8 March 2016	8 June 2016
France	25 September 1981	27 September 2003
Gabon	26 April 1983	27September 2003
Gambia	1 November 1991	27September 2003
Georgia	8 November 1994	27 September 2003
Germany[3]	21 January 1982	27 September 2003
Ghana	1 October 2010	1 January 2011
Greece	23 September 1982	27 September 2003
Guatemala	3 November 1997	27 September 2003
Guinea	2 October 2002	27 September 2003
Guinea-Bissau	24 October 2016	24 January 2017
Guyana	10 December 1997	27 September 2003
Honduras	30 November 2015	29 February 2016
Hungary	14 January 1985	27 September 2003
Iceland	16 January 2019	16 April 2019
India	11 June 2003	27 September 2003
Indonesia	24 August 2012	24 November 2012
Iran, Islamic Republic of (accession)	29 May 2009	29 August 2009

Iraq (accession)	6 February 2018	6 May 2018
Ireland	10 August 2006	10 November 2006
Israel	5 December 2024	5 March 2025
Italy	1 October 1982	27 September 2003
Jamaica	13 March 1991	27 September 2003
Japan	9 June 1983	27 September 2003
Jordan	2 June 2006	2 September 2006
Kazakhstan	7 March 1994	27 September 2003
Kenya	15 December 1992	27 September 2003
Kiribati	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kyrgyzstan	15 October 2026	15 January 2027
Kuwait	7 August 2007	7 November 2007
Latvia	20 May 1992	27 September 2003
Lebanon	18 July 1983	27September 2003
Liberia	21 August 2006	21 November 2006
Libya	28 April 2005	28 July 2005
Lithuania	4 December 1991	27 September 2003
Luxembourg	14 February 1991	27September 2003
Madagascar	30 August 2005	30 November 2005
Malawi	17 December 2001	27 September 2003
Malaysia	27 September 2010	27 December 2010
Malta	30 March 2011	30 June 2011
Marshall Islands	26 April 1988	27 September 2003
Mauritania	24 November 1997	27 September 2003
Mauritius	6 April 1995	27 September 2003
Mexico	15 July 2022	15 October 2022
Moldova	11 October 2005	11 January 2006
Monaco	20 August 1992	27 September 2003
Mongolia	15 October 2003	15 January 2004
Montenegro (succession)[8]	-	3 June 2006
Morocco	12 October 1993	27 September 2003
Mozambique	9 November 2005	9 February 2006
Myanmar	5 April 2016	5 July 2016
Namibia	15 July 2020	15 October 2020
Netherlands[6]	11 November 2005	11 February 2006
Nicaragua	1 February 2001	27 September 2003
Nigeria	24 May 2002	27 September 2003
Niue	27 June 2012	27 September 2012
Norway	26 September 2002	27 September 2003
Oman	13 March 1984	27 September 2003
Palau	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Pakistan	22 November 1994	27 September 2003
Panama	20 February 198527	September 2003
Papua New Guinea	25 October 199327	September 2003
Peru	25 April 1980	27 September 2003
Philippines	15 June 2001	27 September 2003
Poland	1 April 1986	27 September 2003
Portugal[5]	22 October 1987	27 September 2003
Qatar	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Republic of Korea	28 November 2003	28 February 2004
Romania	5 July 2006	5 October 2006
Russian Federation[4]	14 August 1987	27 September 2003
Saint Kitts and Nevis	24 December 1997	27 September 2003
Saint Lucia	12 July 2000	27 September 2003
Saint Vincent an“ the Grenadines	28 October 1983	27 September 2003
Samoa	7 February 2002	27 September 2003
San Marino	19 April 2021	19 July 2021
São Tomé and Principe	29 October 1998	27 September 2003
Saudi Arabia	23 May 2005	23 August 2005
Senegal	16 January 1997	27 September 2003
Serbia (succession)[8]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles	29 November 2019	29 February 2020
Sierra Leone	23 May 2002	27 September 2003
Singapore	1 May 2005	1 August 2005
Slovakia (succession)	1 January 1993	27 September 2003
Slovenia (succession)	25 June 1991	27 September 2003
Solomon Islands	30 June 2004	30 September 2004

South Africa	17 September 2015	17 December 2015
Spain	21 January 1991	27 September 2003
Sri Lanka	24 June 1997	27September 2003
Sudan	21 January 2015	21 April 2015
Suriname	4 November 1988	27September 2003
Sweden	9 June 1980	27 September 2003
Switzerland	20 November 1998	27September 2003
Syrian Arab Republic	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Togo	9 February 1990	27September 2003
Tonga	1 February 1996	27 September 2003
Trinidad and Tobago	6 March 2000	27 September 2003
Tunisia	10 October 1980	27September 2003
Türkiye	14 October 2014	14 January 2015
Turkmenistan	4 February 2009	4 May 2009
Tuvalu	22 August 1985	27 September 2003
Ukraine	25 October 1993	27 September 2003
United Arab Emirates	15 January 2007	15 April 2007
United Kingdom[1, 9]	11 September 1995	27 September 2003
United Republic of Tanzania	23 July 2008	23 October 2008
Uruguay	30 April 1979	27 September 2003
Vanuatu	15 March 2004	15 June 2004
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	29 July 1994	27 September 2003
Viet Nam	19 December 2014	19 March 2015

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[1] For the text of a statement, see section III.

[2] Acceptance by Denmark was declared to be effective in respect of the Faroe from 25 April 1985.

[3] On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had accepted Annex IV on 25 April 1984.

[4] As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Protocol is continued by the Russian Federation.

[5] Applies to Macau with effect from 24 August 1999.*
* Ceased to apply to Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.

[6] Extension by the Netherlands of the application of Optional Annex IV, to Aruba with effect from 20 April 2006 and to the Netherlands Antilles* with effect from 14 May 2009.
* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974. Annex IV applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	11 February 2006
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	20 April 2006
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

[7] Extension of the application by the Government of the People's Republic of China to the Macau Special Administrative Region and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, of the Optional Annex IV, with effect from 2 February 2007.

[8] Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wished to succeed to this treaty with effect from the same date, ie. 3 June 2006.

[9] Extended to the British Virgin Islands with effect from 19 June 2006, to Gibraltar with effect from 29 July 2011 and to the Isle of Man with effect from 13 February 2012. Extended to Bermuda and the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) with effect from 2 November 2023.*

* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). The Secretary-General received a communication from the Embassy of the Argentine Republic, on 16 November 2023, the full text of which is contained in Circular Letter No.4812.

(c) States having accepted Optional Annex V

	Date of deposit of acceptance	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania	9 January 2007	9 April 2007
Algeria	31 January 1989	1 May 1989
Angola	4 October 2001	4 January 2002
Antigua and Barbuda	29 January 1988	31 December 1988
Argentina	31 August 1993	1 December 1993
Australia	14 August 1990	14 November 1990
Austria	27 May 1988	31 December 1988
Azerbaijan	16 July 2004	16 October 2004
Bahamas	12 October 1990	12 January 1991
Bahrain	27 April 2007	27 July 2007
Bangladesh	18 December 2002	18 March 2003
Barbados	6 May 1994	6 August 1994
Belarus	7 January 1994	7 April 1994
Belgium	27 October 1988	27 January 1989
Belize	26 May 1995	26 August 1995
Benin	11 February 2000	11 May 2000
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	4 June 1999	4 September 1999
Brazil	8 November 1995	8 February 1996
Brunei Darussalam (acceptance)	25 April 2016	25 July 2016
Bulgaria	13 May 1993	13 August 1993
Cambodia	28 November 1994	28 February 1995
Cameroon (accession)	18 September 2009	18 December 2009
Canada (accession)	26 March 2010	26 June 2010
Cape Verde	4 July 2003	4 October 2003
Chile	15 August 2008	15 November 2008
China[3]	21 November 1988	21 February 1989
Colombia	27 July 1981	31 December 1988
Comoros	22 November 2000	22 February 2001
Congo	7 September 2004	7 December 2004
Costa Rica (accession)[1]	27 November 2025	27 February 2026
Côte d'Ivoire	5 October 1987	31 December 1988
Croatia (succession)	-	8 October 1991
Cuba	12 February 2002	12 May 2002
Cyprus	22 June 1989	22 September 1989
Czechia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1 May 1985	31 December 1988
Denmark[4]	27 November 1980	31 December 1988
Djibouti	12 October 2015	12 January 2016
Dominica	21 June 2000	21 September 2000
Dominican Republic	24 June 1999	24 September 1999
Ecuador	18 May 1990	18 August 1990
Egypt	7 August 1986	31 December 1988
El Salvador	24 September 2008	24 December 2008
Equatorial Guinea	24 April 1996	24 July 1996
Estonia	18 August 1992	18 November 1992
Finland	20 September 1983	31 December 1988
Fiji	8 March 2016	8 June 2016
France	25 September 1981	31 December 1988
Gabon	26 April 1983	31 December 1988
Gambia	1 November 1991	1 February 1992
Georgia	8 November 1994	8 February 1995
Germany[5]	21 January 1982	31 December 1988
Ghana	1 October 2010	1 January 2011
Greece	23 September 1982	31 December 1988
Guatemala	3 November 1997	3 February 1998
Guinea	2 October 2002	2 January 2003
Guinea-Bissau	24 October 2016	24 January 2017
Guyana	10 December 1997	10 March 1998
Honduras	21 August 2001	21 November 2001
Hungary	14 January 1985	31 December 1988
Iceland	30 June 1989	30 September 1989

India	11 June 2003	11 September 2003
Indonesia	24 August 2012	24 November 2012
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	25 October 2002	25 January 2003
Iraq (accession)	6 February 2018	6 May 2018
Ireland	6 January 1995	6 April 1995
Israel	3 August 2011	3 November 2011
Italy	1 October 1982	31 December 1988
Jamaica	13 March 1991	13 June 1991
Japan	9 June 1983	31 December 1988
Jordan	2 June 2006	2 September 2006
Kazakhstan	7 March 1994	7 June 1994
Kenya	15 December 1992	15 March 1993
Kiribati	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kyrgyzstan	15 October 2026	15 January 2027
Kuwait	7 August 2007	7 November 2007
Latvia	20 May 1992	20 August 1992
Lebanon	18 July 1983	31 December 1988
Liberia	12 June 1995	12 September 1995
Libya	28 April 2005	28 July 2005
Lithuania	4 December 1991	4 March 1992
Luxembourg	14 February 1991	14 May 1991
Madagascar	30 August 2005	30 November 2005
Malawi	17 December 2001	17 March 2002
Malaysia	31 January 1997	1 May 1997
Maldives	20 May 2005	20 August 2005
Malta	13 February 2004	13 May 2004
Marshall Islands	26 April 1988	31 December 1988
Mauritania	24 November 1997	24 February 1998
Mauritius	6 April 1995	6 July 1995
Mexico	15 July 1998	15 October 1998
Moldova	11 October 2005	11 January 2006
Monaco	20 August 1992	20 November 1992
Mongolia	15 October 2003	15 January 2004
Montenegro (succession)[9]	-	3 June 2006
Mozambique	9 November 2005	9 February 2006
Morocco	12 October 1993	12 January 1994
Myanmar	5 April 2016	5 July 2016
Namibia	18 December 2002	18 March 2003
Netherlands[6]	19 April 1988	31 December 1988
New Zealand	25 September 1998	25 December 1998
Nicaragua	1 February 2001	1 May 2001
Nigeria	24 May 2002	24 August 2002
Niue	27 June 2012	27 September 2012
Norway	15 July 1980	31 December 1988
Oman	13 March 1984	31 December 1988
Pakistan	22 November 1994	22 February 1995
Palau	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Panama	20 February 1985	31 December 1988
Papua New Guinea	25 October 1993	25 January 1994
Peru	25 April 1980	31 December 1988
Philippines	15 June 2001	15 September 2001
Poland	1 April 1986	31 December 1988
Portugal[8]	22 October 1987	31 December 1988
Qatar	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Republic of Korea	28 February 1996	28 May 1996
Romania	15 April 1993	15 July 1993
Russian Federation[7]	14 August 1987	31 December 1988
Saint Kitts and Nevis	24 December 1997	24 March 1998
Saint Lucia	12 July 2000	12 October 2000
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	28 October 1983	31 December 1988
Samoa	7 February 2002	7 May 2002
San Marino	19 April 2021	19 July 2021
São Tomé and Principe	29 October 1998	29 January 1999
Saudi Arabia	23 May 2005	23 August 2005
Senegal	16 January 1997	16 April 1997
Serbia (succession)[9]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles	29 November 2019	29 February 2020

Sierra Leone	23 May 2002	23 August 2002
Singapore	27 May 1999	27 August 1999
Slovakia (succession)	-	1 January 1993
Slovenia (succession)	-	25 June 1991
Solomon Islands	30 June 2004	30 September 2004
South Africa	13 May 1992	13 August 1992
Spain	21 January 1991	21 April 1991
Sri Lanka	24 June 1997	24 September 1997
Sudan	21 January 2015	21 April 2015
Suriname	4 November 1988	4 February 1989
Sweden	9 June 1980	31 December 1988
Switzerland	30 April 1990	30 July 1990
Syrian Arab Republic	8 March 2006	8 June 2006
Thailand	17 November 2023	17 February 2024
Togo	9 February 1990	9 May 1990
Tonga	1 February 1996	1 May 1996
Trinidad and Tobago	6 March 2000	6 June 2000
Tunisia	10 October 1980	31 December 1988
Türkiye	10 October 1990	10 January 1991
Tuvalu	22 August 1985	31 December 1988
Ukraine	25 October 1993	25 January 1994
United Arab Emirates	15 January 2007	16 April 2007
United Kingdom[1, 2]	27 May 1986	31 December 1988
United Republic of Tanzania	23 July 2008	23 October 2008
United States[1]	30 December 1987	31 December 1988
Uruguay	30 April 1979	31 December 1988
Vanuatu	22 April 1991	22 July 1991
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	29 July 1994	29 October 1994
Viet Nam	19 December 2014	19 March 2015

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[1] For the text of a statement or understanding, see section III.

[2] Acceptance by the United Kingdom was declared to be effective in respect of:

Cayman Islands	- from 23 June 1988
Bermuda	- from 23 June 1988
Gibraltar	- from 1 December 1988
Isle of Man	- from 1 August 1992
Falkland Islands*	- from 14 November 1995
Hong Kong **	- from 27 March 1996
British Virgin Islands	- from 19 June 2006

* For the texts of communications received from the Argentine Republic and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, see footnote 8 to section II (1).

** Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997.

[3] Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997 and to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

[4] Acceptance by Denmark was declared to be effective in respect of the Faroes and in respect of Greenland with effect from 25 April 1985 and 1 January 1997, respectively.

[5] On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had accepted Annex V on 25 April 1984.

[Footnotes Continued]

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[6] Acceptance by the Netherlands was declared to be effective in respect of the Netherlands Antilles* and Aruba.
*The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. * The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974. Annex V applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	31 December 1988
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba	)	31 December 1988
Curaçao	)	10 October 2010
Sint Maarten	)	10 October 2010

[7] As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Protocol is continued by the Russian Federation.

[8] Applies to Macau with effect from 24 August 1999.*

* Ceased to apply to Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.

[9] Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wished to succeed to this treaty with effect from the same date, ie. 3 June 2006.

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

ALGERIA

The instrument of accession of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria was accompanied by the following declaration (in the French language):

[Translation]

> "The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria interprets the recourse to arbitration provided in article 10 of the present Convention as being applicable only with the prior agreement of all parties to the dispute".

ARGENTINA

The instrument of accession of Argentina contained the following reservations:

[Translation]

> "The REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA reserves its position in respect of the provision that disputes relating to the interpretation or application of this Convention as regards the exercise by a riparian State of its sovereign rights or its jurisdiction, are to be governed only by the arbitration procedures contemplated in Article X and Protocol II, where it is alleged that a riparian State has acted in breach of international rules and standards prescribed for the protection and preservation of the marine environment which are applicable to the riparian State and which have been established by this Convention."
>
> "The REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA reserves its position in that it does not as yet possess the equipment required by Rule 10 of Annex IV and by Rule 7 of Annex V, and cannot fulfil the guarantees laid down in these standards."

AUSTRALIA

The instrument of ratification of Australia contained the following declaration:

> "*DECLARING*, as permitted under article 14 of the Convention, that Australia will not be bound by Annexes III, IV and V thereof;"

BAHAMAS

The instrument of accession of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas contained a declaration in accordance with article 14 of the Convention "that it does not accept any one or all of Annexes III, IV and V".

BARBADOS

The instrument of accession of Barbados contained a declaration that it does not accept Annex IV of the Convention.

BELGIUM

The instrument of accession of the Kingdom of Belgium was accompanied by the following declarations (in the French language):

[Translation]

"With reference to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, and the Annexes, done at London on 2 November 1973, I hereby declare that Belgium does not yet accept Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

This declaration is made in accordance with the provisions of article 14.1 of the Convention.

Furthermore, I declare that the provisions of Annex I will be applied in accordance with the recommendations in the circulars issued by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization under references MEPC/Circ.97 and MEPC/Circ.99."

BRAZIL[1]

The instrument of ratification of the Government of the Federal Republic of Brazil contains a statement (in the Portuguese language) to the effect that the Government of Brazil expresses a "reservation to article 10 of the Convention and to its Protocol No.II as they conflict with article 15 of the Law of Introduction to the Brazilian Civil Code". The instrument also notes, in this respect, that Annexes III, IV and V are optional under the terms of article 14 of the Convention".

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

The instrument of accession of Brunei Darussalam to the 1973 MARPOL Convention contained the following declaration:

"In accordance with article 14 the Government of Brunei Darussalam hereby DECLARES that it does not accept Annexes III, IV and V to the Convention."

BULGARIA[2]

The instrument of accession of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the 1973 MARPOL Convention contained the following reservations:

[Translation]

"1. The People's Republic of Bulgaria does not consider itself bound by the Annexes III, IV and V to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships.

"2. The People's Republic of Bulgaria does not consider itself bound by the provision of article 10 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships under which any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention, which is not settled by negotiation or by any other means, shall, at the request of one of the Contracting Parties concerned, be submitted to international arbitration. The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria states that, in each individual case, the consent of all parties to such a dispute is necessary for submission of the dispute to international arbitration."[2]

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[1] The depositary received, on 6 March 1998, confirmation that Brazil has lifted its reservations to article 10 of MARPOL 73/78 and that the Brazilian Government agrees to be bound by Optional Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

[2] The depositary received, on 19 April 1994, a communication from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria withdrawing the reservation made with respect to article 10 of MARPOL 73/78.

CANADA[1]

At the time of its accession, Canada deposited the following declarations:

"1. "OPTIONAL ANNEXES"

In accordance with article 14 of the Convention Canada declares that it does not accept Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention at this time.

2. ARCTIC WATERS

Canada makes the following declarations based on Article 234 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, signed by Canada on 10 December, 1982:

(a) The Government of Canada considers that it has the right in accordance with international law to adopt and enforce special non-discrimination laws and regulations for the prevention, reduction and control of marine pollution from vessels in ice-covered waters where particularly severe climatic conditions and the presence of ice covering such waters for most of the year create obstructions or exceptional hazards to navigation, and pollution of the marine environment could cause major harm to or irreversible disturbance of the ecological balance.

(b) Consequently, Canada considers that its accession to the Protocol of 1978, as amended, relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL 73/78) is without prejudice to such Canadian laws and regulations as are now or may in the future be established in respect of arctic waters within or adjacent to Canada."

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[1] The depositary received a communication dated 18 November 1993 from the Embassy of the United States of America in London as follows:

"... refer to the declarations concerning Arctic waters contained in the instrument of accession by the Government of Canada to the Protocol of 1978 to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended. The Government of the United States of America considers that Canada may enact and enforce only those laws and regulations, in respect of foreign shipping in Arctic waters, that are within 200 nautical miles from the baselines used to measure the breadth of the territorial sea determined in accordance with international law:

- that have due regard to navigation and the protection and preservation of the marine environment based on the best available scientific evidence in Arctic waters, and

- that are otherwise consistent with international law, including Articles 234 and 236 and other relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea."

Subsequently the depositary received the following communication from the Governments of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom:

"... refer to the declaration made by Canada at the time of its accession to the Protocol of 1978 to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 1973) relating to Article 234 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

"... takes note of this declaration by Canada and considers that it should be read in conformity with Articles 57, 234 and 236 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. In particular, the ... Government recalls that Article 234 of that Convention applies within the limits of the exclusive economic zone or of a similar zone delimited in conformity with Article 57 of the Convention and that the laws and regulations contemplated in Article 234 shall have due regard to navigation and the protection and preservation of the marine environment based on the best available scientific evidence."

CHILE

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Chile contained the following declaration:

[Translation]

"The Government of Chile does not accept Optional Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, in accordance with article 14(1) of the Convention."

CHINA

The instrument of accession of the People's Republic of China contained a declaration in accordance with article 14 of the Convention that it "is not bound by Annexes III, IV and V of the ... Convention".

COSTA RICA

The instrument of accession of Costa Rica contained the following reservation:

[Unofficial translation from Spanish]

"…Article 2 of Law no.10738 states that the Republic of Costa Rica makes a reservation on article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL Convention), in the sense that the approved amendments, in accordance with the procedure described therein, will take effect in the country when they are considered lower-ranking protocols derived from the Convention, in the terms established by our Political Constitution. In the case of substantive amendments, they will take effect once they have been approved in accordance with the procedures established in the Political Constitution of the Republic of Costa Rica."

Further to the above, Costa Rica provided a clarification (in English and in Spanish) with regard to the reservation, as follows:

"…Each time an amendment to the MARPOL Convention or its annexes is adopted, Costa Rica will not be in a position to accept such amendment automatically under the tacit acceptance procedure established in Article 16, until the domestic legislative or regulatory processes required for its implementation have been duly completed. Once these internal procedures have been finalized in accordance with Costa Rica's Constitution and legislation, the Government will proceed to notify the IMO of its express acceptance of the respective amendment, as provided for in Article 16. This clarification is intended solely to harmonize the implementation of the Convention with Costa Rica’s constitutional framework and does not modify the amendment mechanism nor introduce additional reservations."

CUBA

The instrument of accession of Cuba contained the following declaration:

[Translation]

"The Government of the Republic of Cuba, in accordance with article 14 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, declares that it does not accept, for the time being, the Optional Annexes to the Convention."

CYPRUS

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Cyprus contained the following statement:

"With the exception of Annexes III and IV of the Convention".

DENMARK

The instrument of accession of the Kingdom of Denmark was accompanied by the following reservation:

"... The accession of Denmark is ... until further notice, subject to reservation with regard to the obligations

of Greenland and the Faroes under the Protocol."

With effect from 1 January 1997, Denmark withdrew the reservation with respect to the territory of Greenland with the exception of Optional Annex IV.

DJIBOUTI

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Djibouti contained a statement that Djibouti did not accept Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention. **On 12 October 2015 the Depositary received instruments of acceptance of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.**

ESTONIA

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Estonia contained the following reservation:

"The Republic of Estonia does not consider itself bound by Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention."

FRANCE[1]

The instrument of approval of the French Republic contains the following declaration (in the French language):

[Translation]

> "French ships cannot be subject to the provisions of regulation 10 (paragraphs 2 and 3), as regards the Mediterranean Sea area only, and of regulation 12 of Annex I except when they have called at ports provided with the facilities required by those provisions.
>
> Moreover, the French ships cannot be fitted with the equipment provided for in regulation 16 of the same Annex until such time as such equipment is actually available."

The depositary received on 11 August 1982 the following correction to the text transmitted earlier (in the French language):

[Translation]

> "As far as the Mediterranean Sea area only is concerned, the provisions of regulation 10 (paragraph 2) of Annex I of the Convention can be applied to tankers engaged in voyages within the Mediterranean only if such tankers are proceeding to a port equipped with the reception facilities required by regulation 12 of the Convention.
>
> "The second paragraph of the declaration is deleted."

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[1] The depositary received a communication dated 23 July 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires, Swedish Embassy in London. The communication, the full text of which was circulated by the depositary, includes the following:

> "I am under instruction to state that the declaration, as corrected by the aforementioned communication, is regarded by the Swedish Government, as was the declaration in its original version, as a reservation which is not in conformity with paragraph 1 of article 14 of the 1973 Convention, nor compatible with the object and purpose of MARPOL 73/78. The Swedish Government therefore, is unable to accept the declaration made by the French Government."

The depositary received a communication dated 12 August 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires, a.i., Royal Norwegian Embassy in London. The communication, the full text of which was circulated by the depositary, includes the following:

> "I am instructed to inform you that the Government of Norway has taken due note of the communication, which is understood to be a declaration on the part of the Government of France and not a reservation to the provisions of the Convention with the legal consequence such a formal reservation would have had, if reservations to Annex I had been admissible."

The depositary received a communication dated 30 January 1984 from the Italian Embassy in London which includes the following:

> "... The Italian Government objects to the reservation on the part of France as specified in document PMP/Circ.15 of the 13th August, 1982.
>
> "Said reservation is contrary to the spirit and the letter of rule 10, Annex I, of the above mentioned Convention in relation to paragraph 2 as well as paragraph 7 which makes the construction of collecting devices in the categories of ports specified in the document compulsory. Moreover the French reservation sets up a facultative trend where binding provisions exist, as per Annex I of the MARPOL Convention 1973/78, and would appear to be incompatible with the Italian legislation on the subject which lays down very restrictive principles."

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY[1]

The instrument of ratification was accompanied by the following declaration (in the German language):

[Translation]

"that the ... Protocol shall also apply to Berlin (West) with effect from the date on which [it enters] into force for the Federal Republic of Germany."

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[1] The depositary received a communication dated 20 December 1982 from the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in London. The communication, the full text of which was circulated by the depositary, includes the following:

[Translation]

"In accordance with the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971 (Annex IV AB, paragraph 2(b)) the Federal Republic of Germany has no right to extend to West Berlin international agreements and arrangements entered into by the Federal Republic of Germany affecting matters of security and status. The ... MARPOL Convention relate[s], as is seen from [its] contents, to just that sort of agreement.

"The said Convention[s] regulate[s] matters relating to the activities of States Parties within the limits of their jurisdiction or control.

...

"The MARPOL Convention provides for States Parties to take appropriate measures to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Convention with respect to ships operating under the authority of their Governments or flying their flag "with respect to fixed or floating platforms engaged in exploration and exploitation of the sea-bed and subsoil thereof adjacent to the coast over which the coastal State exercises sovereign rights". The Government of States Parties established sanctions for violation of the requirements of the Convention and bring proceedings in respect of an alleged violation "in accordance with [their] law".

"It is quite obvious that the Federal Republic of Germany cannot assume such obligations in respect of West Berlin because, as is known, West Berlin is not a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and is not governed by it.

"Bearing in mind the above, the USSR considers the statement[s] made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in depositing [an] instrument[s] of ratification to the Convention[s] extending [its] application to West Berlin as unlawful and void of legal force."

The depositary received the following communication dated 19 May 1983 from the Government of the United Kingdom:

"In a communication to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which is an integral part (Annex IVA) of the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971, the Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States, without prejudice to the maintenance of their rights and responsibilities relating to the representation abroad of the interests of the Western Sectors of Berlin, confirmed that, provided that matters of status and security are not affected and provided that the extension is specified in each case, international agreements and arrangements entered into by the Federal Republic of Germany may be extended to the Western Sectors of Berlin in accordance with established procedures. For its part, The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in a communication to the Governments of the Three Powers which is similarly an integral part (Annex IVB) of the Quadripartite Agreement, affirmed that it would raise no objections to such extension.

[Footnote 1 continued]

[Footnote 1 continued]

"The established procedures referred to above, which were endorsed in the Quadripartite Agreement, are designed *inter alia* to afford the authorities of the Three Powers the opportunity to ensure that international agreements and arrangements entered into by the Federal Republic of Germany which are to be extended to the Western Sectors of Berlin are extended in such a way that matters of status and security are not affected.

"When authorizing the extension of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of Ships, 1973, [and] the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, ... to the Western Sectors of Berlin, the authorities of the Three Powers took such steps as were necessary to ensure that matters of security and status were not affected. Accordingly, the validity of the Berlin declaration made by the Federal Republic of Germany in accordance with established procedures is unaffected and the application of the MARPOL Convention and related Protocol ... to the Western Sectors of Berlin continues in full force and effect."

The depositary received a communication dated 3 June 1983 from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany stating:

"By its note of 19 May 1983 ... the Government of the United Kingdom answered the assertions made in the [communication dated 20 December 1982 from the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the United Kingdom]. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the basis of the legal situation set out in the note of 19 May 1983 wished to confirm that the application to Berlin (West) of the ... [Convention] extended by it under the established procedures continues in full force and effect.

"The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany wished to point out that the absence of a response to further communications of a similar nature should not be taken to imply any change of its position in this matter."

GHANA

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Ghana contained the following statement:

"... subject to reservations in respect of Article 14 of the Convention on “Optional Annexes”; Annexes III, IV and V of which the Republic of Ghana does not consider itself bound;".

ICELAND

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Iceland was accompanied by a declaration in accordance with article 14 of the Convention "that Iceland does not accept Annexes III, IV or V of the Convention".

INDIA

The instrument of accession of the Republic of India contained the declaration "that the Government of the Republic of India shall not be bound by the provisions of Annexes III, IV and V of the said Convention".

INDONESIA

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Indonesia contained the following declarations (in the English language):

"1. In accordance with the provisions of article 14(1) of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia declares that it does not accept all provisions of Annexes III, IV and V of the present Convention.

"2. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia understands the words 'international law‘ in regulation 1(9) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 on the Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Oil to mean the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea."

IRELAND

The instrument of accession of Ireland contained the following declaration:

"DECLARE that, in accordance with the facility under article 14 of the said Convention, Ireland does not accept (until further declaration) ANNEXES III and IV;"

ISRAEL

The instrument of accession of the State of Israel contained a declaration in accordance with article 14 of the Convention "excluding optional Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention".

JAPAN

The instrument of accession of Japan was accompanied by the following reservation (in the English language):

"In giving effect to the provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 in accordance with the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, Japan reserves the right:

(1) to discharge its obligations under the provisions of Annex I to the Convention in accordance with the recommendations in the circulars issued by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization (MEPC/Circ.97 and MEPC/Circ.99) on the implementation of the said provisions; and

(2) to discharge its obligations under the provisions of regulation 13(3), appendix II and appendix V of Annex II to the Convention in accordance with recommendations in the documents, similar in nature to the circulars referred to in paragraph (1), which shall be adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee on the implementation of the said provisions and appendices."

LIBERIA

The instrument of ratification deposited on 28 October 1980 did not specifically exclude Optional Annexes III, IV and V. However, by a communication dated 27 July 1983 the Government of Liberia requested that the instrument be accepted as having been rectified so as to exclude the said Annexes. The Secretary-General notified Contracting States of this communication and proposed, in the absence of objection from any Contracting States to the 1978 Protocol, to rectify the instrument of ratification as requested by Liberia. In the absence of any such objection the Secretary-General rectified the Liberian instrument of ratification and drew up a procès-verbal of rectification dated 31 August 1983. In a communication dated 17 October 1983 the French Government stated that in view of the nature of the rectification requested, it had no objection to the rectification being made, but without such a decision constituting a precedent.

MALAYSIA

The instrument of accession of Malaysia contained the following statement:

"..... hereby formally declares its accession to the Convention as amended by the Protocol with the exception of Annex III and Annex IV."

MALTA

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Malta contained a declaration "... that the Government of Malta does not accept Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention".

MEXICO

The instrument of ratification of the United Mexican States contained a statement to the effect that Mexico does not consider itself bound by optional Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

MYANMAR

The instrument of accession of the Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma contained a statement to the effect that the Government of Burma does not accept Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

NETHERLANDS

The instrument of approval of the Kingdom of the Netherlands contained declarations in accordance with articles 13 and 14 of the Convention and article IV of the Protocol as follows:

"- that the Kingdom of the Netherlands ACCEPTS, for the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles*, the said Convention ... and Protocol ...

"- that the Kingdom of the Netherlands DOES NOT ACCEPT, either for the Kingdom in Europe or for the Netherlands Antilles*, Annexes III, IV and V, and appendices thereto [of the Convention]."

* The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. For full details see footnotes on section II of SOLAS 1974.

The instrument of approval was also accompanied by the following declaration:

"1. Since the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands acknowledges that full compliance with the discharge requirements of Annex I by ships is contingent upon the availability of adequate facilities for oily wastes as called for by the said Annex, it expresses its deep concern regarding the present inadequacy of such facilities in many ports of the world;

"2. The provisions of Annex I will be implemented in compliance with the recommendations as contained in the circulars issued by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization, under numbers MEPC/Circ.97 and MEPC/Circ.99."

NEW ZEALAND

The instrument of accession by New Zealand contained the following declaration:

"**AND DECLARES** that it does not accept Annex IV of the Protocol of 1978, except in relation to the Antarctic Special Area;"

NORWAY

The instrument of accession to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, deposited by the Kingdom of Norway was in respect of Annexes I, II, III and V.

OMAN[1]

The instrument of accession of the Sultanate of Oman contained the following declarations:

"(1) For the purposes of this Convention the term "within the jurisdiction" is interpreted to mean the jurisdiction presently applied by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman under the country's Marine Pollution Law of 1974 which extends to 50 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

"(2) With reference" to the obligation laid down under regulation 10, paragraph 7, subparagraph b(i); or regulation 12, paragraph 4 of Annex I concerning the reception facilities to be provided by the State Parties, the Government of the Sultanate of Oman wished to declare that it intends to carry out this obligation but owing to a very high cost involved it is unlikely that it will be in a position to implement this provision before the next four to five years."

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Korea contained the following reservation:

"Reservation: The Republic of Korea declares pursuant to article 14 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 that she is not bound by Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention."

ROMANIA

The Secretary-General was informed by the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania that the Romanian Parliament did on 8 March 1993 accede to the treaty with a declaration that Optional Annexes III and IV of the Convention be excluded, a fact which was not stated specifically in the instrument of accession executed on 17 March 1993 and deposited on 15 April 1993, due to an omission in the preparation of the aforesaid instrument. The Secretary-General received a request from the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania that the instrument of accession to the treaty be accepted as having been rectified in keeping with the information provided.

The Secretary-General notified Contracting States of this communication and proposed, in the absence of objection from any Contracting States to MARPOL 73/78, to rectify the instrument of accession as requested by Romania. In the absence of any such objection the necessary rectification was effected in respect of the instrument of accession and, accordingly, the accession by Romania does not apply to Optional Annexes III and IV of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

The instrument of accession of Saint Kitts and Nevis was accompanied by the following reservation:

"The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis will find it difficult on the practical level to implement the inspection and equipment requirements of MARPOL. There is concern about the ability to meet the equipment requirements. Secondly, there is concern about the necessary expertise to carry out the inspection process. Such expertise is very scarce in the Federation."

SEYCHELLES

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Seychelles contained a statement that the Republic of Seychelles does not consider itself bound by Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

SINGAPORE

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Singapore contained a declaration "... that it will be bound by annexes III, IV and V of the Convention".

SOUTH AFRICA

“The instrument of accession of the Republic of South Africa contained a declaration in accordance with article 14 of the Convention that the Government of the Republic of South Africa does not accept Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention".

SPAIN

The instrument of ratification of the Spanish State contained a declaration in accordance with article 14 of the Convention that it does not accept Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

“The depositary received communications dated 15 March 1985 from the Royal Netherlands Embassy and 13 August 1985 from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany stating that in their understanding "the jurisdiction to be exercised by the Sultanate of Oman under its Marine Pollution Law of 1974 beyond the limits of the territorial sea cannot exceed the jurisdiction recognized by international law."

SWITZERLAND

The instrument of accession of the Swiss Confederation was accompanied by the following declaration (in the French language):

[Translation]

"The Federal Council declares that Switzerland does not consider itself bound by Annexes 3, 4 and 5 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships."

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The instrument of accession of the Syrian Arab Republic contained the following reservations:

[Translation]

"1 The Syrian Arab Republic does not consider itself bound by Annexes III, IV and V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

"2 The Syrian Arab Republic does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 10 of the above-mentioned Convention which provides that any dispute between two or more Parties to the Convention concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention which is not settled by negotiation or by any other means shall be submitted, upon request by any of the Parties involved, to international arbitration. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic declares that it is necessary, in each individual case, to obtain the agreement and acceptance of all Parties to the dispute to refer it to international arbitration.

"3 The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic declares that, to the fullest extent possible, it will apply its efforts and material resources to carrying out the provisions of regulations 10 to 12 of Annex I of the above-mentioned Convention with regard to the construction of reception facilities in Syrian oil ports and terminals."

TÜRKIYE

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Türkiye was in respect of Annexes I, II and V of the Convention.

USSR[1]

The instrument of accession of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics contained the following statements:

[Translation]

"The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, while acceding to the Protocol of 1978 to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, does not accept optional Annexes III, IV and V to the above-mentioned Convention."

"In acceding to the said Protocol, the USSR also considers it necessary to reaffirm the position set forth in the note of the Embassy of the USSR in Great Britain No.37/AN of 20 December 1982 in connection with the statements made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany about the extension of the Convention and the Protocol thereto to West Berlin. The USSR proceeds as before on the basis that these statements are unlawful and void of legal force."

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[1] The depositary received the following communication dated 2 April 1984 from the Government of the United Kingdom:

"In connection with this statement, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs would like, on behalf of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of France and of the United States of America, to reaffirm the position set forth in his Note of 19 May 1983.*

"When authorizing the extension of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the

Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, to the Western Sectors of Berlin, the authorities of the Three Powers took such steps as were necessary to ensure that matters of security and status were not affected. Accordingly, the Berlin declaration made by the Federal Republic of Germany in accordance with established procedures is valid and the Convention applies to the Western Sectors of Berlin with full force and effect."

The depositary received the following communication dated 2 May 1984 from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in London:

"With regard to the statement, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany has the honour to reaffirm the position set forth in its note of 3 June 1983** and to communicate the following:

"By its note of 2 April 1984*** (disseminated by circular note PMP/Circ.37 of 12 April 1984), the Government of the United Kingdom answered the assertions made in the communication referred to above. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the basis of the legal situation set out in the note of 2 April 1984 wished to reconfirm that the application to Berlin (West) of the above-mentioned protocol extended by it under the established procedures continues in full force and effect."

* Reproduced in footnote 1 to the declaration by the Federal Republic of Germany in this section.
** Reproduced in footnote 1 to the declaration by the Federal Republic of Germany in this section.
*** Reproduced in footnote 1 to the declaration by the USSR in this section.

UNITED KINGDOM

The instrument of ratification of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland contained a statement to the effect that the Government of the United Kingdom "...[reserves] the right not to apply the said Protocol in respect of any territory for whose international relations the Government of the United Kingdom is responsible until three months after the date on which the Government of the United Kingdom notify the Secretary-General of the [International Maritime Organization] that the said Protocol shall apply in respect of any such territory.".

The instrument of ratification was also accompanied by a declaration under article 14 of the Convention that the United Kingdom does not accept any one or all of Annexes III, IV and V (referred to as 'Optional Annexes' of the Convention".

The instrument of acceptance of Optional Annexes III, IV and V contained a statement to the effect that the Government of the United Kingdom "...[reserves] the right not to apply the said Annexes [III, IV and V] in respect of any territory for whose international relations the Government of the United Kingdom is responsible until three months after the date on which the Government of the United Kingdom notifies the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization that the said Annexes shall apply in respect of any such territory.

UNITED STATES

The instrument of ratification of the United States of America deposited on 12 August 1980 did not specifically exclude Optional Annexes III, IV and V. However, a communication from the United States of 30 November 1981 advised that the instrument of ratification did not apply to the said Annexes.

By a communication dated 27 July 1983 the United States informed the Secretary-General that the absence from the instrument of ratification of a declaration excluding the application of the said Annexes was due to a clerical error and requested that the instrument of ratification should be regarded as having been rectified by the communication of 30 November 1981 so as to exclude the said Annexes. The Secretary-General notified Contracting States of this information and proposed, in the absence of objection from any Contracting States to the 1978 Protocol, to rectify the instrument of ratification as requested by the United States. In the absence of any such objection the Secretary-General rectified the United States instrument of ratification and drew up a procès-verbal of rectification dated 31 August 1983. In a communication dated 17 October 1983 the French Government stated that in view of the nature of the rectification requested, it had no objection to the rectification being made, but without such a decision constituting a precedent.

By a notification received on 16 October 1980, the Government of the United States stated "that the United States considers that Annex I and II of the Protocol apply only to seagoing ships".

The instrument of acceptance of Optional Annex V contained the following understanding:

"(1) The United States Government shall make every reasonable effort to have the Gulf of Mexico

designated a 'special area' governed by the terms of regulation 5 of Annex V to the 1978 Protocol Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL 73/78).

"(2) The President shall include this understanding incorporated by the Senate in the Resolution of Ratification in the Instrument of Ratification to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization."

VANUATU

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Vanuatu contained the following statement:

"3. The Republic of Vanuatu DOES NOT ACCEPT Annexes III, IV and V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973."

VIET NAM

The instrument of accession of Viet Nam to the 1973 MARPOL Convention, deposited on 18 December 1990, contained the following declaration:

"The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam declares that it does not consider itself bound by Annexes III, IV and V of this Convention."

IV. Amendments

(1) 1984 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.14(20))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twentieth session (September 1984) adopted by resolution MEPC.14(20), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the Annex to the 1978 Protocol.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 7 July 1985 and will enter into force on 7 January 1986 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the date of entry into force of the amendments was accordingly 7 January 1986.[1]

C. Notification under article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the Convention

Italy:

On 9 July 1985 the depositary received a communication from the Government of Italy stating that:

"it is the intention of the Italian Government to accept the amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 even if they will enter into force for Italy only after specific approval of special legislation."

Further to the communication received from the Government of Italy on 9 July 1985 the depositary was advised by the Italian Embassy, in a communication received on 21 January 1986, "that the Italian Government, in accordance with article 16, MARPOL 78, will accept the above-mentioned amendments after the relative legislative procedure has been completed".

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[1] On 6 December 1985 the depositary received a communication from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany stating that:

"... the said amendments shall also apply to Berlin (West) with effect from the date on which they enter into force for the Federal Republic of Germany."

[Footnote 1 continued]

[Footnote1 continued]

On 21 April 1986 the depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:

[Unofficial translation]

> "The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics ... considers it necessary to confirm the point of view set forth in Embassy Note N 37/AN of 20 December 1982. [Reproduced in footnote 1 to the declaration by the Federal Republic of Germany in this section].
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> "The Soviet side proceeds as before from that the statements made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany as to extending the application of the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 1973 and the Protocol to it of 1978 to West Berlin are incompetent and null and void from the judicial point of view. Accordingly, the statements made by the Government of the FRG as to extending the application of amendments and supplements to the above-mentioned Convention and Protocol to West Berlin cannot have any legal force either."

The depositary received the following communication, dated 22 August 1986, on behalf of the Governments of the French Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America:

> "On behalf of the Governments of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, I have the honour ... to communicate the following:
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> "The three Governments do not accept the contentions in the Soviet communication and reaffirm their statement contained in the Secretary-General's Circular Note No. PMP/Circ.21 of 1 June 1983." [Reproduced in footnote 1 to the declaration by the Federal Republic of Germany in this section].

On 16 December 1986 the depositary received a communication from the Ministry of Foreign affairs of the German Democratic Republic declaring the following:

[Translation]

> "With regard to the application to Berlin (West) of the Amendments to the Annex of 1984 to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 1973, the German Democratic Republic notes, in accordance with the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971, that Berlin (West) is not a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and is not to be governed by it.
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> "The Federal Republic of Germany's declaration that the said Amendments were to be extended to Berlin (West) is contradictory to the Quadripartite Agreement which provides that agreements concerning matters of security and status of Berlin (West) must not be extended to the latter by the Federal Republic of Germany. Consequently, the Federal Republic of Germany's declaration can have no legal effect."

(2) 1985 (Annex II) Amendments (MEPC.16(22))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-second session (December 1985) adopted by resolution MEPC.16(22), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article l6 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (relating to Annex II of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 5 October 1986 and will enter into force on 6 April 1987 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 6 April 1987.

C. Notification under Regulation 5(13)(a) of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78

Finland:

The depositary received on 6 October 1986 a communication from the Ambassador of Finland containing the following:

> "I have the honour to inform you that the Governments of the Baltic Sea States at the 7th meeting of the Helsinki Commission decided that the notification to the International Maritime Organization according to regulation 5(13) of MARPOL 73/78 Annex II on the date at which the special area requirement shall take effect in the Baltic Sea Area should be submitted at such a time as to ensure that the MARPOL 73/78 special area provisions would be applied in the Baltic Sea Area right from the start of the application of Annex II to MARPOL 73/78.
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> "On the understanding that the said amendments are deemed to have been accepted by 5 October 1986 and that the Annex so amended will be applied from 6 April 1987 the present letter constitutes notification on behalf of the Governments of the Baltic Sea States that the special area provisions shall apply in the Baltic Sea Area as of 6 April 1987."

In the light of this communication and in accordance with regulation 5(13)(a) of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, the requirements of regulation 5(7), (8), (9) and (10) of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, as amended, will apply therefore to the Baltic Sea with effect from 6 April 1987, the date on which Annex II becomes effective.

(3) 1985 (Protocol I) Amendments (MEPC.21(22))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-second session (December 1985) adopted by resolution MEPC.21(22) in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article l6 of the Convention, amendments to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (relating to Protocol I to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 5 October 1986 and will enter into force on 6 April 1987 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 6 April 1987.

C. Notification under article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the Convention

Colombia:

On 15 July 1986, the depositary received a communication from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Colombian Embassy which contained the following statement:

[Translation]

> "In accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the Convention ... express approvaI by Colombia is necessary before the amendments enter into force with respect to it.
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> Although it is true that MARPOL 73/78 has been fully ratified by Colombia, namely the 1973 Convention, its 1978 Protocol and the five Annexes, ... there have been difficulties in implementing it effectively mainly due to the high financial cost of the Convention requirements. It follows from the above that if we have not been able to meet all the requirements, we shall be even less able to comply with the amendments which, to some extent, are more stringent than the Convention.
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> "Once the ports have been successfully equipped with adequate reception facilities and ships flying the national flag are equipped in accordance with the requirements of the Convention, consideration will be given to incorporating higher standards.

"... The requirement of express approval of the amendments by Colombia does not imply that they are considered inappropriate; on the contrary, Colombia recognizes the importance of the amendments and will be making a thorough study of them with a view to adopting the full maritime and port infrastructure so as to include the amendments in future regulations."

(4) 1987 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.29(25))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-fifth session (December 1987) adopted by resolution MEPC.29(25), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article l6 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (designation of the Gulf of Aden as a special area).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 October 1988 and will enter into force on 1 April 1989 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 April 1989.

(5) 1989 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.32(27))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-seventh session (March 1989) adopted by resolution MEPC.32(27), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 12 April 1990 and will enter into force on 13 October 1990 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 13 October 1990.

(6) 1989 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.33(27))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-seventh session (March 1989) adopted by resolution MEPC.33(27), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 12 April 1990 and will enter into force on 13 October 1990 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 13 October 1990.

(7) 1989 (Annex II) Amendments (MEPC.34(27))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-seventh session (March 1989) adopted by resolution MEPC.34(27), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (appendices II and III of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 12 April 1990 and will enter into force on 13 October 1990 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 13 October 1990.

(8) 1989 (Annex V) Amendments (MEPC.36(28))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-eighth session (October 1989) adopted by resolution MEPC.36(28), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to Annex V of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 17 August 1990 and will enter into force on 18 February 1991 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 18 February 1991.

(9) 1990 (Annexes I, II, HSSC) Amendments (MEPC.39(29))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-ninth session (March 1990) adopted by resolution MEPC.39(29), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (introduction of the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification to Annexes I and II of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date six months after the conditions for the entry into force of both the 1988 SOLAS Protocol and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol are met, provided that the date of acceptance is not before 1 August 1991, unless prior to that date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments and shall enter into force six months after their deemed acceptance. The conditions for the entry into force of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol having been met on 2 February 1999, the deemed acceptance date for the amendments was 3 August 1999. As at 3 August 1999 one objection[1] had been communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 3 February 2000.

(10) 1990 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.40(29))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-ninth session (March 1990) adopted by resolution MEPC.40(29), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) (Harmonized System of Survey and Certification).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on the same date on which the amendments to the Annex to the 1978 Protocol adopted by the Committee by resolution MEPC.39(29) are accepted, unless prior to that date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments and shall enter into force six months after their deemed acceptance.

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[1] The depositary received, on 27 July 1999, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"… the Embassy hereby informs that the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to the fact that the amendments contradict, to some extent, with the legislation in force. The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland intends to be able to withdraw its objection so that the amendments could enter into force for Finland on 3 February 2000, i.e. on the date they shall enter into force also for other Parties. "

On 20 December 1999 the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland, as follows:
"… the legislative amendments necessary to the acceptance of the aforementioned amendments have now been carried out in Finland. The Embassy has, therefore, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland is now able to withdraw its objection concerning the aforementioned amendments."

The deemed acceptance date for the amendments to the Annex of the 1978 Protocol was 3 August 1999. As at 3 August 1999, one objection[2] had been communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 3 February 2000.

(11) 1990 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.41(29))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-ninth session (March 1990) adopted by resolution MEPC.41(29), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) (Harmonized System of Survey and Certification).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on the same date on which the amendments to the Annex to the 1978 Protocol adopted by the Committee by resolution MEPC.39(29) are accepted, unless prior to that date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments and shall enter into force six months after their deemed acceptance. The deemed acceptance date for the amendments to the Annex of the 1978 Protocol was 3 August 1999. As at 3 August 1999, one objection[3] had been communicated to the Secretary-General, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 3 February 2000.

(12) 1990 (Annexes I and V) Amendments (MEPC.42(30))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirtieth session (November 1990) adopted by resolution MEPC.42(30), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (designation of Antarctic area as a special area under Annexes I and V of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 16 September 1991 and will enter into force on 17 March 1992 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 17 March 1992.

[2, 3] The depositary received, on 27 July 1999, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"… the Embassy hereby informs that the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to the fact that the amendments contradict, to some extent, with the legislation in force. The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland intends to be able to withdraw its objection so that the amendments could enter into force for Finland on 3 February 2000, i.e. on the date they shall enter into force also for other Parties. "
On 20 December 1999 the depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"… the legislative amendments necessary to the acceptance of the aforementioned amendments have now been carried out in Finland. The Embassy has, therefore, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland is now able to withdraw its objection concerning the aforementioned amendments."

(13) 1991 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.47(31))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-first session (July 1991) adopted by resolution MEPC.47(31), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (new regulation 26 and other amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 4 October 1992 and will enter into force on 4 April 1993 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 4 April 1993.

(14) 1991 (Annex V) Amendments (MEPC.48(31))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-first session (July 1991) adopted by resolution MEPC.48(31), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (designation of the Wider Caribbean area as a special area under Annex V of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 4 October 1992 and will enter into force on 4 April 1993 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such communication was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 4 April 1993.

(15) 1992 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.51(32))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-second session (March 1992) adopted by resolution MEPC.51(32), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (discharge criteria of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 6 January 1993 and will enter into force on 6 July 1993 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 6 July 1993.

(16) 1992 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.52(32))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-second session (March 1992) adopted by resolution MEPC.52(32), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of

Pollution from Ships, 1973 (new regulations 13F and 13G and related amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 6 January 1993 and will enter into force on 6 July 1993 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. Two such notifications[1] were received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 6 July 1993.

[1] On 23 December 1992 from the United States of America, informing him that in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the 1973 Convention the amendments adopted by resolution MEPC.52(32) will not enter into force for the United States on 6 July 1993, but only after the express approval of the Government of the United States of America has been conveyed to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

On 8 February 1993 from Bulgaria, informing him that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria, by a decision dated 13 January 1993, accepted the amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 referred to in resolution MEPC.52(32). The decision further indicates that in respect of existing tankers the new regulations 13F and 13G shall be implemented from the year 2000.

(17) 1992 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.55(33))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-third session (October 1992) adopted by resolution MEPC.55(33), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1994 and will enter into force on 1 July 1994 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1994.

(18) 1992 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.56(33))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-third session (October 1992) adopted by resolution MEPC.56(33), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1994 and will enter into force on 1 July 1994 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1994.

(19) 1992 (Annex II) Amendments (MEPC.57(33))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-third session (October 1992) adopted by resolution MEPC.57(33), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (designation of the Antarctic Area as a special area and lists of liquid substances in

Annex II).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1994 and will enter into force on 1 July 1994 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1994.

(20) 1992 (Annex III) Amendments (MEPC.58(33))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-third session (October 1992) adopted by resolution MEPC.58(33), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (revised Annex III).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 30 August 1993 and will enter into force on 28 February 1994 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 28 February 1994.

(21) 1994 (Annexes I, II, III, V) Amendments (Conf)

A. Adoption

A Conference of Parties to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, adopted, on 2 November 1994, amendments to Annexes I, II, III and V of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Conference determined, in accordance with article 16(3)(c) of MARPOL 73/78, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 3 September 1995 and will enter into force on 3 March 1996 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 3 March 1996.

(22) 1995 (Annex V) Amendments (MEPC.65(37))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-seventh session (September 1995) adopted by resolution MEPC.65(37), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to Regulation 2 and new Regulation 9 of Annex V).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1997 and will enter into force on 1 July 1997 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1997.

(23) 1996 (Protocol I) Amendments (MEPC.68(38))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-eighth session (July 1996) adopted by resolution MEPC.68(38), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to Protocol I).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 1997 and will enter into force on 1 January 1998 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 1998.

(24) 1996 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.69(38))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-eighth session (July 1996) adopted by resolution MEPC.69(38), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1998 and will enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(25) 1996 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.70(38))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-eighth session (July 1996) adopted by resolution MEPC.70(38), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1998 and will enter into force on 1 July 1998 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 1998.

(26) 1997 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.73(39))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its thirty-ninth session (March 1997) adopted by resolution MEPC.73(39), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals

in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 10 January 1998 and will enter into force on 10 July 1998 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 10 July 1998.

(27) 1997 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.75(40))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fortieth session (September 1997) adopted by resolution MEPC.75(40), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to Regulation 10 and new Regulation 25A of Annex I).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 August 1998 and will enter into force on 1 February 1999 unless prior to the former date one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 February 1999.

(28) 1999 (Annexes I and II) Amendments (MEPC.78(43))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-third session (July 1999) adopted by resolution MEPC.78(43), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to Annexes I and II).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2000 and will enter into force on 1 January 2001 unless, prior to the former date, one-third or more of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2001.

(29) 1999 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.79(43))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-third session (July 1999) adopted by resolution MEPC.79(43), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2002 and will enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(30) 1999 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.80(43))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-third session (July 1999) adopted by resolution MEPC.80(43), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2002 and will enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2002.

(31) 2000 (Annex III) Amendments (MEPC.84(44))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-fourth session (March 2000) adopted by resolution MEPC.84(44), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to Annex III).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2001 and will enter into force on 1 January 2002 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2002.

(32) 2000 (Annex V) Amendments (MEPC.89(45))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-fifth session (October 2000) adopted by resolution MEPC.89(45), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to Annex V).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2001 and will enter into force on 1 March 2002 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2002.

(33) 2000 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.90(45))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-fifth session (October 2000) adopted by resolution MEPC.90(45), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2002 and will enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force 1 July 2002.

(34) 2000 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.91(45))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-fifth session (October 2000) adopted by resolution MEPC.91(45), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2002 and will enter into force on 1 July 2002 unless, prior to the former date not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force 1 July 2002.

(35) 2001 Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS) Amendments (MEPC.94(46))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-sixth session (April 2001) adopted by resolution MEPC.94(46), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention and article VI of the Protocol, the Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS) for oil tankers as a mandatory requirement incorporated by reference in regulation 13G of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78, as amended by resolution MEPC.95(46).

B. Entry into force

The CAS provision took effect on 1 September 2002 upon the entry into force of the amendments to regulation 13G of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78 which were adopted by resolution MEPC.95(46).

(36) 2001 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.95(46))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-sixth session (April 2001) adopted by resolution MEPC.95(46), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention and article VI of the Protocol, amendments to regulation 13G of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78 and to the Supplement to the IOPP Certificate.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) and g(ii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2002 and will enter into force on 1 September 2002 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. One notification[1] was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 September 2002.

[1] On 12 February 2002 from the United States of America, informing the Secretary-General that in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments adopted by resolution MEPC.95(46) will not enter into force for the United States on 1 September 2002, but only after such time as the express approval of the Government of the United States of America has been conveyed to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

(37) 2002 Amendments to the Condition Assessment Scheme (MEPC.99(48))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-eighth session (October 2002) adopted by resolution MEPC.99(48), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the Convention, amendments to the Condition Assessment Scheme.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2003 and will enter into force on 1 March 2004 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received as at 1 September 2003, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2004.

(38) 2003 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.111(50))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fiftieth session (December 2003) adopted by resolution MEPC.111(50), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex I of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 4 October 2004 and will enter into force on 5 April 2005, unless, prior to the former date, one-third or more of the Parties, or the Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. One[1] such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 5 April 2005.

[1] A notification was received from the United States of America, informing the Secretary-General that, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments adopted by resolution MEPC.111(50) will not enter into force for the United States on 5 April 2005, but only after such time as the express approval of the Government of the United States has been conveyed to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

(39) 2003 Amendments to the Condition Assessment Scheme (MEPC.112(50))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fiftieth session (December 2003), in accordance with article VI of the Protocol and article 16 of the 1973 Convention, adopted by resolution MEPC.112(50), amendments to the Condition Assessment Scheme.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 4 September 2004 and will enter into force on 5 April 2005, unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification of objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 5 April 2005.

(40) 2004 (revised Annex IV) Amendments (MEPC.115(51))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-first session (April 2004) adopted, by resolution MEPC.115(51), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, a revised Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the revised Annex IV shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2005 and will enter into force on 1 August 2005, unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. One[1] such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 August 2005.

[1] The depositary received, on 2 July 2004, the following communication from the Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., of the Embassy of the United States of America:

> "On behalf of the Government of the United States of America I have the further honour to inform Your Excellency, in your capacity as depositary for the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter MARPOL), and the Amendments thereto, that in accordance with Article 16(2)(f)(ii) of MARPOL, the express approval of the Government of the United States of America will be necessary before the 2003 Amendments can enter into force for the United States. I have the honour to request that Your Excellency therefore notify the Contracting Parties to MARPOL that the 2003 Amendments to MARPOL will not enter into force for the United States on April 5 2005, but only after the express approval of the Government of the United States of America has been conveyed to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization."

(41) 2004 (Appendix to Annex V) Amendments (MEPC.116(51))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-first session (April 2004) adopted, by resolution MEPC.116(51), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the Appendix to Annex V of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2005 and will enter into force on 1 August 2005, unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 August 2005.

(42) 2004 (revised Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.117(52))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-second session (October 2004) adopted, by resolution MEPC.117(52), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, a revised Annex I of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the revised Annex I shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2006 and will enter into force on 1 January 2007 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. Two[1] such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2007.

[1] The depositary received, on 26 January 2005, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"… The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the aforementioned amendments due to national procedural requirements. Therefore, referring to article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, Finland notifies the Secretary-General of the Organization that its express approval will be necessary before the amendment enters into force for it. The Embassy has, however, the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland intends to accept the amendments as soon as the legislative arrangements necessary to such acceptance have been carried out. The Government of Finland intends to be able to submit its express approval so that the amendments could enter into force for Finland on 1 August 2005, provided that the above-mentioned conditions for entry into force have been fulfilled."

(43) 2004 (revised Annex II) Amendments (MEPC.118(52))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-second session (October 2004) adopted, by resolution MEPC.118(52), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, a revised Annex II of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the revised Annex II shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2006 and will enter into force on 1 January 2007 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. One [2] such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2007.

[1] The depositary received, on 25 January 2005, the following communication from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of the United States of America:

"On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to inform your Excellency, in your capacity as depositary for the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter MARPOL), and the revised Annex I, that, in accordance with Article 16(2)(f)(ii) of MARPOL and paragraph 1 of resolution MEPC.117(52), which provides that each regulation of the revised Annex I is subject to separate consideration by the Parties, the express approval of the Government of the United States of America will be necessary before Regulations, 19, 20 and 21 of the revised Annex I can enter into force for the United States. I request that your Excellency therefore notify the Contracting Parties to MARPOL that Regulations 19, 20 and 21 of the revised Annex I to MARPOL will enter into force for the United

***** The depositary received a communication, dated 2 March 2010, from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, informing that the name of the British overseas territory formerly called "St. Helena and Dependencies" has been changed to "St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha". The status of the territory as a British overseas territory remains unchanged. Treaties extended to St. Helena and Dependencies continue to be extended to St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

States only after the express approval of the Government of the United States of America has been conveyed to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, and that Regulations 19, 20 and 21 of the revised Annex I to MARPOL will not, therefore, enter into force for the United States on January 1, 2007. The U.S. does not intend to require its express approval in order for the other regulations of revised Annex I to enter into force for the U.S."

The depositary received, on 29 June 2006, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "… The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the revised Annex I and II of MARPOL 73/78 due to the national procedural requirements. Therefore, referring to article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, Finland notifies the Secretary-General of the Organization that its express approval will be necessary before the amendment enters into force for it."

The depositary received, on 16 July 2010, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "... The Embassy has the honour hereby to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the amendments and that the revised Annex I and the revised Annex II can enter into force for Finland."

[2] The depositary received, on 29 June 2006, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "… The Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is not able to accept the revised Annex I and II of MARPOL 73/78 due to the national procedural requirements. Therefore, referring to article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, Finland notifies the Secretary-General of the Organization that its express approval will be necessary before the amendment enters into force for it."

The depositary received, on 16 July 2010, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "... The Embassy has the honour hereby to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the amendments and that the revised Annex I and the revised Annex II can enter into force for Finland."

(44) 2004 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.119(52))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-second session (October 2004) adopted, by resolution MEPC.119(52), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the IBC Code.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2006 and will enter into force on 1 January 2007 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2007.

(45) 2005 (Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS)) Amendments (MEPC.131(53))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-third session (July 2005) adopted, by resolution MEPC.131(53), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the Condition Assessment Scheme.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2006 and will enter into force on 1 January 2007 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2007.

(46) 2006 (revised Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.141(54))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-fourth session (March 2006) adopted, by resolution MEPC.141(54), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the revised Annex I of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2007 and will enter into force on 1 August 2007 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 February 2007, one objection[2] had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 August 2007.

(47) 2006 (Annex IV) Amendments (MEPC.143(54))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-fourth session (March 2006) adopted, by resolution MEPC.143(54), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2007 and will enter into force on 1 August 2007 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 August 2007.

(48) 2006 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.144(54))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-fourth session (March 2006) adopted, by resolution MEPC.144(54), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2007 and will enter into force on 1 August 2007 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 February 2007, one objection[2] had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 August 2007.

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[2] The depositary received, on 30 January 2007, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"the Embassy hereby informs that, at this stage, the Government of Finland is unable to accept the amendments, due to national procedural requirements."

The depositary further received, on 9 December 2009, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:

"the Embassy has an honour hereby to informs the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the aforementioned amendments and can thus withdraw its objection. The amendments will enter into force for Finland on 9 December 2009."

(49) 2006 (Annex 1) Amendments (MEPC.154(55))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-fifth session (October 2006) adopted, by resolution MEPC.154(55), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2007 and will enter into force on 1 March 2008 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2008.

(50) 2006 Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS)) Amendments (MEPC.155(55))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-fifth session (October 2006) adopted, by resolution MEPC.155(55), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the Condition Assessment Scheme.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2007 and will enter into force on 1 March 2008 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2008.

(51) 2006 (revised Annex III) Amendments (MEPC.156(55))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-fifth session (October 2006) adopted, by resolution MEPC.156(55), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex III of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2009 and will enter into force on 1 January 2010 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2010.

(52) 2007 (Annexes I and IV) Amendments (MEPC.164(56))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-sixth session (July 2007) adopted, by resolution MEPC.164(56), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annexes I and IV of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 June 2008 and will enter into force on 1 December 2008 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78

or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 December 2008.

(53) 2007 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.166(56))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-sixth session (July 2007) adopted, by resolution MEPC.166(56), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the IBC Code.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2008 and will enter into force on 1 January 2009 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such notification was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2009.

(54) 2009 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.186(59))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-ninth session (July 2009) adopted, by resolution MEPC.186(59), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2010 and will enter into force on 1 January 2011 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 July 2010 one objection[3] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2011.

(55) 2009 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.187(59))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-ninth session (July 2009) adopted, by resolution MEPC.187(59), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2010 and will enter into force on 1 January 2011 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 July 2010 one objection[3] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly entered into

[3] The depositary received, on 22 December 2009, a communication from the Embassy of Finland, informing that, with reference to resolutions MEPC.186(59) and MEPC.187(59), the Government of Finland was not able to accept the amendments adopted by the aforementioned resolutions before 1 January 2010, due to national procedural requirements.
Both objections were subsequently withdrawn and a communication to this effect was received on 12 July 2017.

force on 1 January 2011.

(56) 2010 (Annex I) Amendments (MEPC.189(60))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixtieth session (March 2010) adopted, by resolution MEPC.189(60), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2011 and will enter into force on 1 August 2011 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 February 2011, no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 August 2011.

(57) 2010 (Revised Annex III) Amendments (MEPC.193(61))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-first session (October 2010), adopted, by resolution MEPC.193(61), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex III of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2014 unless, prior to 1 July 2013, not less than one third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or Parties, 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 and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2014.

(58) 2011 (Special Area Provisions and the Designation of the Baltic Sea as a Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV) Amendments (MEPC.200(62))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-second session (July 2011), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 200(62), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2013 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2012 one objection[1] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly enter into force on 1 January 2013.

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[1] The Depositary received, On 26 June 2012, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "The Embassy hereby informs, with reference to article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the MARPOL Convention that, due to national procedural requirements, an express approval will be necessary before the amendments enter into force for Finland."
The objection was subsequently withdrawn and a communication to this effect was received on 12 July 2017.

(59) 2011 (Revised Annex V) Amendments (MEPC.201(62))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-second session (July 2011), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 201(62), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex V of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2013 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2012 one objection[2] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2013.

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[2] The Depositary received, On 26 June 2012, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "The Embassy hereby informs, with reference to article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the MARPOL Convention that, due to national procedural requirements, an express approval will be necessary before the amendments enter into force for Finland."
The objection was subsequently withdrawn and a communication to this effect was received on 12 July 2017.

(60) 2012 ((Regional arrangements for port reception facilities under MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V)) Amendments (MEPC.216(63))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-third session (March 2012), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 216(63), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annexes I, II, IV and V of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 August 2013 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 February 2013, no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 August 2013.

(61) 2012 Amendments to the international code for the construction and equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk (IBC Code) (MEPC.225(64))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-fourth session (October 2012), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 225(64), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, the 2012 amendments to the IBC Code.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, and article VI of the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 December 2013, and shall enter into force on 1 June 2014 unless, prior to 1 December 2013, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As at 1 December 2013, no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 June 2014.

(62) 2013 (to Form A and Form B of Supplements to the IOPP Certificate under MARPOL Annex I)

Amendments (MEPC.235(65))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-fifth session (May 2013), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 235(65), in accordance with article 16(2) (d) of the 1973 Convention, the 2013 amendments to Form A and Form B of Supplements to the IOPP Certificate under MARPOL Annex I.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 April 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 October 2014 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 April 2014, no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 October 2014.

(63) 2013 Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS)) Amendments (MEPC.236(65))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-fifth session (May 2013), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 236(65), in accordance with article 16(2) (d) of the 1973 Convention, the 2013 amendments to CAS under MARPOL Annex I.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 April 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 October 2014 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 April 2014, no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 October 2014.

(64) 2013 (Annexes I and II to make the RO Code mandatory) Amendments (MEPC.238(65))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-fifth session (May 2013), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 238(65), in accordance with article 16(2) (d) of the 1973 Convention, the 2013 amendments to MARPOL Annexes I and II to make the RO Code mandatory.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2014 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2015 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2014, one objection[1] had been received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2015.

[1] The depositary received, on 20 June 2014, the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "… due to European Commission conformity checking procedure, Finland is obliged to object to the amendments (MEPC.238(65)).
The depositary received, on 31 December 2015, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland: "... the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the amendments (MEPC.238(65)) on 1 January 2015 and can thus withdraw its objection."

(65) 2014 (Annexes I, II, III, IV and V to make the use of the III Code mandatory) Amendments (MEPC.246(66))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-sixth session (March-April 2014) adopted, by

resolution MEPC. 246(66)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the 2014 amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, III, IV and V to make the use of the III Code mandatory.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2015, one objection[1] was received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016.

[1] The depositary received, on 26 May 2015, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments.
The depositary received, on 29 December 2017, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows: "The Embassy has the honour hereby to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entry into force of the aforementioned amendments and can thus withdraw its objection."

(66) 2014 (Annex I - Mandatory carriage requirements for a stability instrument) Amendments (MEPC.248(66))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-sixth session (March-April 2014) adopted, by resolution MEPC. 248(66)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the 2014 amendments to Annex I - Mandatory carriage requirements for a stability instrument.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(67) 2014 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.249(66))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-sixth session (March-April 2014) adopted, by resolution MEPC. 249(66)), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(68) 2014 (IBC Code) Amendments (MEPC.250(66))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-sixth session (March-April 2014) adopted, by resolution MEPC. 250(66)), in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2016.

(69) 2014 (Annex I, regulation 43) amendments (MEPC.256(67))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-seventh session (October 2014) adopted, by resolution MEPC. 256(67)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex I, regulation 43.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2016 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2016.

(70) 2014 (Annex III, Appendix on criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form) amendments (MEPC.257(67))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-seventh session (October 2014) adopted, by resolution MEPC. 257(67)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex III, Appendix on criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2016 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly will enter into force on 1 March 2016.

(71) 2015 (Annexes I, II, IV and V to make use of environment-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory)) amendments (MEPC.265(68))[4]

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-eight session (May 2015) adopted, by resolution MEPC. 265(68)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V to make use of environment-related provisions of the Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) mandatory.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016* and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2016, two objections[5] was received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2017*.

* The Secretary-General received a communication from the Government of Canada, on 30 June 2016, reaffirming its declaration made upon acceding to MARPOL 1973/1978, regarding Arctic waters, in accordance with article 234 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as follows:

"(a) The Government of Canada considers that it has the right in accordance with international law to adopt and enforce special non-discrimination laws and regulations for the prevention, reduction and control of marine pollution from vessels in ice covered waters where particularly severe climatic conditions and the presence of ice covering such waters for most of the year create obstructions or exceptional hazards to navigation, and pollution of the marine environment could cause major harm to or irreversible disturbance of the ecological balance." (see page 123 of this document)

The declaration also applies to Canada's acceptance of subsequent amendments including the amendments to annexes I, II, IV and V, adopted by resolution (MEPC.265(68).

(72) 2015 (Annex I - regulation 12) amendments (MEPC.266(68))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-eight session (May 2015) adopted, by resolution MEPC. 266(68)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annexes I.

[4] The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty eighth session adopted, on 15 May 2015, the environment-related provisions of the Introduction and the whole of parts II A and II-B of the Polar Code, by resolution **MEPC.264(68)**. At the time of its adoption, the Committee determined that the Code would take effect on 1 January 2017, upon the entry into force of the amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V, adopted by resolution MEPC.265(68).

[5] The depositary received, on 24 May 2016, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments (MEPC.265(68)). The objection was communicated by means of circular PMP.1/Circ.213.
The objection was subsequently withdrawn and the amendments entered into force for Finland on 12 July 2017.

The Depositary received, on 29 November 2016, a communication from the High Commission of Canada informing that in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL, due to national procedural requirements, Canada's express approval will be necessary before the amendments [MEPC.265(68)], enter into force for Canada. The objection was communicated by means of circular PMP.1/Circ.213.

The Depositary received, on 8 February 2018, a further communication, informing that Canada had completed its national procedural requirements for bringing the amendments into force and approved, under article 16(2))f)(ii) of MARPOL, the entry into force for Canada of those amendments (with effect from 8 February 2018).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2016, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2017.

(73) 2016 (Annex II - Appendix I) amendments (MEPC.270(69))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-ninth session (April 2016) adopted, by resolution MEPC.270(69)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex II.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2017 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 March 2017, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 September 2017.

* The depositary received, on 11 July 2017, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to the amendments (MEPC.270(69)).
On 22 February 2018, the Depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements enabling the entry into force of the amendments (MEPC.270(69)) on 1 March 2018.

(74) 2016 (Annex IV – regulations 1 and 11) amendments (MEPC.274(69))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-ninth session (April 2016) adopted, by resolution MEPC.274(69)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex IV.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2017 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 March 2017, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 September 2017.

(75) 2016 (Annex I – Appendix II) amendments (MEPC.276(70))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventieth session (October 2016) adopted, by resolution MEPC.276(70)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex I.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2018 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 September 2017, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2018.

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* The depositary received, on 11 July 2017, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments (MEPC.276(70)).
On 22 February 2018, the Depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements enabling the entry into force of the amendments (MEPC.276(69)) on 1 March 2018.

(76) 2016 (Annex V) amendments (MEPC.277(70))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventieth session (October 2016) adopted, by resolution MEPC.277(70)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex I.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2018 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 September 2017, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2018.

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* The depositary received, on 11 July 2017, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments (MEPC.277(70)).
The depositary received, on 5 July 2018, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows: "the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entering into force of all the aforementioned amendments, and can thus withdraw its objections… the amendments [MEPC.277(70)] entered into force for Finland on 1 July 2018.

(77) 2018 (IBC Code) amendments (MEPC.302(72))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-second session (April 2018) adopted, by resolution MEPC.302(72), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) (Model form of International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk)

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(78) 2018 (BCH Code) Amendments (MEPC.303(72))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-second session (April 2018) adopted, by resolution MEPC.303(72), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the International for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) (Model form of Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2019, no objection had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2020.

(79) 2019 (Annexes I, II and V - Electronic Record Books) Amendments (MEPC.314(74))

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-fourth session (May 2019) adopted, by resolution (MEPC.314(74), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II and V.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 April 2020 and shall enter into force on 1 October 2020 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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.

(80) 2019 (Annex II - Cargo residues and tank washings of persistent floating products) Amendments (MEPC.315(74))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-fourth session (May 2019) adopted, by resolution (MEPC.315(74), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex II.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2020 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2021.

(81) 2019 (IBC Code)) amendments (MEPC.318(74))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-fourth session (May 2019), adopted, by resolution (MEPC.318(74), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the (International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (Chapters 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2020 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2021.

(82) 2019 (BCH Code) amendments (MEPC.319(74))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-fourth session (May 2019), adopted, by resolution (MEPC.319(74), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk Code (Special, operational and minimum requirements).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2020 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2021.

(83) 2021 (Annex I - Prohibition on the use and carriage for use as fuel of heavy fuel oil by ships in Arctic waters) amendments (MEPC.329(76))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-sixth session (June 2021), adopted, by resolution (MEPC.329(76)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex 1.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 May 2022 and shall enter into force on 1 November 2022 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 November 2022, three objections* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 November 2022.

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* The depository received a communication from the Russian Federation dated 10 October 2022 stating that the express approval of the Russian Federation will be necessary before the aforementioned amendments enter into force for the Russian Federation. Therefore the amendments adopted by resolution MEPC.329(76) will not enter into force for the Russian Federation on 1 November 2022.

The depository received a communication from Canada dated 28 September 2022 informing that due to national procedural requirements, Canada decided to submit a notification in accordance with sub-paragraph (f)(ii). Canada also stated that it fully supported and intended to comply with the amendments.

The Depositary received, on 28 April 2022, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland was obliged to object the amendments and that it intended to approve and accept them as soon as the necessary legislative amendments were carried out and inform the Secretary-General accordingly.

(84) 2021 (Annexes I and IV - (Exemption of unmanned non-self-propelled barges from certain survey and certification requirements) amendments (MEPC.330(76))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-sixth session (June 2021), adopted, by resolution (MEPC.330(76)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annexes I and IV.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 May 2022 and shall enter into force on 1 November 2022 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 November 2022, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 November 2022.

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*The Depositary received, on 28 April 2022, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland was obliged to object the amendments and that it intended to approve and accept them as soon as the necessary legislative amendments were carried out and inform the Secretary-General accordingly.
On 17 September 2025, the Secretary-General received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the approval of the amendments (MEPC.330(76)), thereby withdrawing an earlier objection.

(85) 2022 (Annex I - Watertight doors) amendments (MEPC.343(78))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-eighth session (June 2022), adopted by resolution (MEPC.343(78)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex 1.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL, that the adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex I shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2023 unless, prior to that date, objections are communicated to the Secretary-General of the Organization, as provided for in article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the Convention, and shall enter into force on 1 January 2024, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the Convention. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(86) 2022 (Annex II - revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure) amendments (MEPC.344(78))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-eighth session (June 2022), adopted by resolution (MEPC.344(78)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex II.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL that the adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex II shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 May 2023 (unless, prior to that date, objections are communicated to the Secretary-General of the Organization, as provided for in article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the Convention and shall enter into force on 1 November 2023, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the Convention. No such notification was received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2024.

(87) 2022 (IBC Code) amendments (MEPC.345(78))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-eighth session (June 2022), adopted by resolution (MEPC.345(78)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of MARPOL, amendments to International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk. .

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL, that the adopted amendments to the IBC Code shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2024 unless, prior to that date, objections are communicated to the Secretary-General of the Organization, as provided for in article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the Convention) and shall enter into force on 1 July 2024, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the Convention. No such notification was received and the amendments therefore entered into force on 1 July 2024.

(88) 2022 ((Regional reception facilities within Arctic waters and Form of IOPP Certificate and Supplements) (MEPC.359(79))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-eighth session (December 2022), adopted by resolution (MEPC.359(79)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of MARPOL, amendments to Annexes I, II, and IV.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL, that the adopted amendments to the IBC Code shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 November 2023 unless, prior to that date, objections are communicated to the Secretary-General of the Organization, as provided for in article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the Convention and shall enter into force on 1 May 2024, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the Convention. As at 1 November 2023, no such objection was received and the amendments will accordingly enter into force on 1 May 2024.

(89) 2022 (Annex V – Regional reception facilities within Arctic waters and Garbage Record Book) amendments (MEPC.360(79))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-ninth session (December 2022), adopted by resolution (MEPC.360(79)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of MARPOL, amendments to Annex V.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL, that the adopted amendments to the IBC Code shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 November 2023 unless, prior to that date, objections are communicated to the Secretary-General of the Organization, as provided for in article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the Convention and shall enter into force on 1 May 2024, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the Convention. As at 1 November 2023, one objection[1] was received and the amendments will accordingly enter into force on 1 May 2024.

(90) 2024 (Protocol I (Reporting procedures for the loss of containers) amendments (MEPC.384(81))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eighty-first session (March 2024), adopted by resolution (MEPC.384(81)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of MARPOL, amendments to Protocol I of MARPOL.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL, that the adopted amendments to the IBC Code shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025 unless, prior to that date, objections are communicated to the Secretary-General of the Organization, as provided for in article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the Convention and shall enter into force on 1 January 2026, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the Convention.

[1]On 23 October 2023, the Secretary-General received a communication from the Embassy of Finland that Government of Finland is obliged to object to the above-mentioned amendments (MEPC.360(79)) due to national procedural requirements, and that it intends to accept them as soon as the legislative amendments necessary for such acceptance have been carried out.

On 17 September 2025, the Secretary-General received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the approval of the amendments (MEPC.360(79)), thereby withdrawing an earlier objection.

PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO (MARPOL PROT 1997)

Done at London, 26 September 1997

Entry into force: 19 May 2005

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

Article 5

1 The present Protocol shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "Organization") from 1 January 1998 until 31 December 1998 and shall thereafter remain open for accession. Only Contracting States to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "1978 Protocol") may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

(a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(b) signature, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(c) accession.

2 Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary-General").

Entry into force

Article 6

1 The present Protocol shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become Parties to it in accordance with article 5 of the present Protocol.

2 Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Protocol enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of deposit.

3 After the date on which an amendment to the present Protocol is deemed to have been accepted in accordance with article 16 of the Convention, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited shall apply to the present Protocol as amended.

I. Signatories

II. Contracting States

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

IV. Amendments

I. Signatories

Denmark	Subject to ratification and with reservation for application to the Faroes* and Greenland
Finland	Subject to ratification
Norway	
Sweden	
United States	Subject to ratification

II. Contracting States

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Albania (accession)	19 November 2020	19 February 2021
Antigua and Barbuda (accession)	10 July 2007	10 October 2007
Argentina (accession)	8 June 2021	8 September 2021
Australia (accession)	7 August 2007	7 November 2007
Azerbaijan (accession)	16 July 2004	19 May 2005
Bahamas (accession)	8 November 2001	19 May 2005
Bahrain (accession)	23 July 2026	23 October 2026
Bangladesh (accession)	18 December 2002	19 May 2005
Barbados (accession)	5 April 2004	19 May 2005
Belgium (accession)	27 February 2006	27 May 2006
Belize (accession)	14 June 2007	14 September 2007
Benin (accession)	18 January 2007	18 April 2007
Brazil (accession)	23 February 2010	23 May 2010
Bulgaria (accession)	3 December 2004	19 May 2005
Canada (accession)	26 March 2010	26 June 2010
Chile (accession)	16 October 2006	16 January 2007
China (accession)[2]	23 May 2006	23 August 2006
Congo (accession)	28 May 2015	28 August 2015
Cook Islands (accession)	12 March 2007	12 June 2007
Costa Rica (accession)[1]	27 November 2025	27 February 2026
Croatia (accession)	4 May 2005	4 August 2005
Cyprus (accession)	6 October 2004	19 May 2005
Czechia (accession)	27 August 2015	27 November 2015
Denmark (ratification)[1]	18 December 2002	19 May 2005
Estonia (accession)	18 July 2005	18 October 2005
Finland (ratification)	31 March 2005	30 June 2005
France (accession)	15 July 2005	15 October 2005
Gabon ((accession)	17 April 2019	17 July 2019
Germany (accession)	17 June 2003	19 May 2005
Ghana (accession)	1 October 2010	1 January 2011
Greece (accession)	28 May 2003	19 May 2005
Guatemala (accession)	30 January 2015	30 April 2015
Guinea-Bissau (accession)	12 May 2022	12 August 2022
Guyana (accession)	20 February 2019	20 May 2019
Honduras (accession)	16 November 2016	16 February 2017
Iceland (accession)	22 November 2017	22 February 2018
India (accession)	23 November 2011	23 February 2012
Indonesia (accession)	24 August 2012	24 November 2012
Iran, Islamic Republic of (accession)	29 May 2009	29 August 2009
Iraq (accession)	15 August 2024	15 November 2024
Ireland (accession)	30 June 2009	30 September 2009
Israel (accession)	5 December 2024	5 March 2025
Italy (accession)	22 May 2006	22 August 2006
Jamaica (accession)	29 May 2008	29 August 2008
Japan (accession)	15 February 2005	19 May 2005
Jordan (accession)	11 August 2015	11 November 2015
Kenya (accession)	14 January 2008	14 April 2008
Kiribati (accession)	5 February 2007	5 May 2007
Kuwait (accession)	7 August 2007	7 November 2007
Latvia (accession)	19 June 2006	19 September 2006
Lebanon (accession)	24 March 2026	24 June 2026

Liberia (accession)	28 August 2002	19 May 2005
Lithuania (accession)	13 September 2005	13 December 2005
Luxembourg (accession)	21 November 2005	21 February 2006
Madagascar (accession)	26 July 2019	26 October 2019
Malaysia (accession)	27 September 2010	27 December 2010
Malta (accession)	30 March 2011	30 June 2011
Marshall Islands (accession)	7 March 2002	19 May 2005
Mauritius (accession)	23 March 2020	23 June 2020
Monaco (accession)	14 May 2018	14 August 2018
Mongolia (accession)	19 September 2007	19 December 2007
Montenegro (accession)	21 May 2015	21 August 2015
Morocco (accession)	3 May 2011	3 August 2011
Namibia (accession)	15 July 2020	15 October 2020
Netherlands (acceptance)[3]	2 October 2006	2 January 2007
New Zealand (accession)	26 May 2022	26 August 2022
Nigeria (accession)	18 June 2015	18 September 2015
Niue (accession)	27 June 2012	27 September 2012
Norway (signature)	21 December 1998	19 May 2005
Oman (accession)	1 December 2025	1 March 2026
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 December 2011
Panama (accession)	13 May 2003	19 May 2005
Peru (accession)	4 December 2013	4 March 2014
Philippines (accession)	24 April 2018	24 July 2018
Poland (accession)	29 April 2005	29 July 2005
Portugal (accession)	22 May 2008	22 August 2008
Qatar (accession)	20 August 2026	20 November 2026
Republic of Korea (accession)	20 April 2006	20 July 2006
Romania (accession)	25 January 2007	25 April 2007
Russian Federation (accession)	8 April 2011	8 July 2011
Saint Kitts and Nevis (accession)	2 March 2005	2 June 2005
Saint Lucia (accession)	26 May 2016	26 August 2016
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (accession)	26 November 2008	26 February 2009
Samoa (accession)	18 May 2004	19 May 2005
San Marino (accession)	11 April 2022	11 July 2022
Sao Tome and Principe	15 August 2022	15 November 2022
Saudi Arabia (accession)	23 May 2005	23 August 2005
Serbia (accession)	8 July 2010	8 October 2010
Seychelles (accession)	29 November 2019	29 February 2020
Sierra Leone (accession)	10 March 2008	10 June 2008
Singapore (accession)	10 August 2000	19 May 2005
Slovakia (accession)	8 October 2012	8 January 2013
Slovenia (accession)	3 March 2006	3 June 2006
Solomon Islands (accession)	30 September 2024	30 December 2024
Somalia (accession)	26 June 2026	26 September 2026
South Africa (accession)	17 September 2015	17 December 2015
Spain (accession)	26 September 2003	19 May 2005
Sweden (signature)	18 May 1998	19 May 2005
Switzerland (accession)	24 September 2013	24 December 2013
Syrian Arab Republic (accession)	26 August 2008	26 November 2008
Togo (accession)	7 September 2021	7 December 2021
Tonga (accession)	20 March 2015	20 June 2015
Trinidad and Tobago (accession)	7 June 2012	7 September 2012
Turkmenistan (accession)	20 November 2014	20 February 2015
Tunisia (accession)	5 September 2011	5 December 2011
Türkiye (accession)	4 November 2013	4 February 2014
Tuvalu (accession)	2 December 2005	2 March 2006
Ukraine (accession)	29 October 2009	29 January 2010
United Arab Emirates (accession)	20 February 2019	20 May 2019
United Kingdom (accession)[4]	5 August 2004	19 May 2005
United States (ratification)[1]	8 October 2008	8 January 2009
Uruguay (accession)	1 August 2014	1 November 2014
Vanuatu (accession)	15 March 2004	19 May 2005
Viet Nam (accession)	19 December 2014	19 March 2015

* The Protocol applies to the Faroes with effect from 2 November 2012.

Number of Contracting States: 114

[1] For the text of a declaration, reservation or statement see section III.

[2] Applies to the Macau Special Administrative Region of People's Republic of China with effect from 23 May 2006. Applies to the Hong Kong Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China with effect from 20 March 2008.

[3] Extended to Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba (the Caribbean part of the Netherlands) with effect from 10 October 2010. The Netherlands Antilles has ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. Since that date, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of four autonomous countries: The Netherlands (European part and Caribbean part), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. For more details see footnote 4, in section II of SOLAS 1974. The Protocol applies as follows:

		Effective from
The Netherlands (European part)	)	2 January 2007
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	)	10 October 2010
Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten	)	no

[4] Extended to Gibraltar with effect from 8 June 2011.
Extended to the Isle of Man with effect from 5 April 2012.
Extended to the Cayman Islands with effect from 25 May 2012.
Extended to the British Virgin Islands with effect from 9 September 2013.
Extended to Falkland Islands (Malvinas) with effect from 2 August 2023.*
Extended to Bermuda with effect from 8 May 2024.

* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). The Secretary-General received a communication from the Embassy of the Argentine Republic, on 16 November 2023, the full text of which is contained in Circular Letter No.4812.

III. Declarations, Reservations and Statements

COSTA RICA

The instrument of accession of Costa Rica contained the following reservation:

[Unofficial translation from Spanish]

"…Article 2 of Law no.10738 states that the Republic of Costa Rica makes a reservation on article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL Convention), in the sense that the approved amendments, in accordance with the procedure described therein, will take effect in the country when they are considered lower-ranking protocols derived from the Convention, in the terms established by our Political Constitution. In the case of substantive amendments, they will take effect once they have been approved in accordance with the procedures established in the Political Constitution of the Republic of Costa Rica."

Further to the above, Costa Rica provided a clarification (in English and in Spanish) with regard to the reservation, as follows:

"…Each time an amendment to the MARPOL Convention or its annexes is adopted, Costa Rica will not be in a position to accept such amendment automatically under the tacit acceptance procedure established in Article 16, until the domestic legislative or regulatory processes required for its implementation have been duly completed. Once these internal procedures have been finalized in accordance with Costa Rica's Constitution and legislation, the Government will proceed to notify the IMO of its express acceptance of the respective amendment, as provided for in Article 16. This clarification is intended solely to harmonize the implementation of the Convention with Costa Rica's constitutional framework and does not modify the amendment mechanism nor introduce additional reservations."

DENMARK

The instrument of ratification of the Kingdom of Denmark contained the following reservation:
"… However, the Protocol will not apply to the Faroes* and Greenland."

* The depositary received a communication on 2 November 2012 from the Kingdom of Denmark informing of the

withdrawal of the reservation made in respect of the Faroes.

NEW ZEALAND

The instrument of accession by New Zealand contained the following declaration:

"That consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this accession shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depository on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

UNITED STATES

The instrument of ratification by the United States contained the following two understandings:

> "The United States of America understands that the Protocol of 1997 does not, as a matter of international law, prohibit Parties from imposing, as a condition of entry into their ports or internal waters, more stringent emission standards or fuel oil requirements than those identified in the Protocol."
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> "The United States of America understands that Regulation 15 applies only to safety aspects associated with the operation of vapour emission control systems that may be applied during cargo transfer operations between a tanker and port-side facilities and to the requirements specified in Regulation 15 for notification to the International Maritime Organization of port State regulation of such systems."

The instrument of ratification by the United States also contained the following declaration:

> "The United States of America notes that at the time of adoption of the Protocol of 1997, the NO_x emission control limits contained in Regulation 13 were those agreed as being achievable by January 1 2000, on new marine diesel engines, and further notes that Regulation 13(3)(b) contemplated that new technology would become available to reduce on-board NO_x emissions below those limits. As such improved technology is now available, the United States expresses its support for an amendment to Annex VI that would, on an urgent basis, revise the agreed NO_x emission control limits contained in Regulation 13 in keeping with new technological developments."

IV. Amendments

(1) 2005 (Annex VI and NOx Technical Code) Amendments (MEPC.132(53))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-third session (July 2005) adopted, by resolution MEPC.132(53), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex VI and the NO_x Technical Code.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 22 May 2006 and will enter into force on 22 November 2006 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 22 November 2006.

(2) 2008 (Annex VI) Amendments (MEPC.176(58))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-eighth session (October 2008) adopted, by resolution MEPC.176(58), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2010 and will enter into force on 1 July 2010 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 January 2010, two objections[1] had been received, and the amendments, accordingly entered into force on 1 July 2010. The objections were subsequently withdrawn (see footnote[1]).

(3) 2008 (NOx Technical Code) Amendments (MEPC.177(58))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-eighth session (October 2008) adopted, by resolution MEPC.177(58), in 3accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the NO_x Technical Code.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2010 and will enter into force on 1 July 2010 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 January 2010, two objections[1] had been received and the amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 July 2010.

[1] On 22 December 2009, the Depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of Finland:
"The Embassy hereby informs, with reference to article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the MARPOL Convention that, due to national procedural requirements, Finland is not able to accept the amendments before 1 January 2010 and therefore an express approval will be necessary before the amendments ([MEPC.176(58) and MEPC.177(58)) enter into force for Finland."
On 5 January 2015, the Depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements enabling the entry into force of the amendments (MEPC.176(58) and MEPC.177(58)).

On 30 December 2009, the Depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of the Republic of Estonia, with regard to the amendments (MEPC.176(58)): "In accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, the Republic of Estonia notifies the Secretary-General that the express approval of the Republic of Estonia will be necessary before the amendments to the annex of the Protocol to amend the Convention adopted with the above mentioned resolution enter into force for it."
On 27 March 2014, the Depositary received a further communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia: "The Republic of Estonia withdraws the objection made in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and that the Government of the Republic of Estonia has approved, on 27 March 2014, the revised Annex VI of the Convention as adopted by the resolution MEPC.176(58)."

(4) 2010 Amendments to the Annex (MEPC.190(60))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixtieth session (March 2010) adopted, by resolution MEPC.190(60), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2011 and will enter into force on 1 August 2011 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 February 2011 no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 August 2011.

(5) 2010 Amendments to the Annex (Revised form of Supplement to the IAPP Certificate) (MEPC.194(61))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-first session (October 2010) adopted, by resolution MEPC.194(61), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 August 2011 and shall enter into force on 1 February 2012 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments. As at 1 August 2011 no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 February 2012.

(6) 2011 (Designation of the United States Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area and exemption of certain ships operating in the North American Emission Control Area and the United States Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area) Amendments to the Annex (MEPC.202(62))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-second session (July 2011) adopted by resolution MEPC. 202(62), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2013 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2012 one objection[2] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2013.

(7) 2011 (Inclusion of regulations on energy efficiency for ships) Amendments to the Annex (MEPC.203(62))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-second session (July 2011), adopted, by resolution MEPC. 203(62), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2012 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2013 unless prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2012 two objections [1,2] had been communicated to the Secretary-General and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2013.

(8) 2012 ((Regional arrangements for port reception facilities under MARPOL Annex VI and Certification of marine diesel engines fitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction systems under the NOx TechnicalCode 2008) (MEPC.217(63))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-third session (March 2012), adopted, by resolution MEPC.217(63)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 Annex VI and the NOx Technical Code 2008.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2013 and shall enter into force on 1 August 2013 unless prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 February 2013, no such notification of objection had been received and, accordingly, the amendments entered into force on 1 August 2013.

(9) 2014 (to make the use of the III Code mandatory) amendments (MEPC.247(66))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-sixth session (March-April 2014), adopted, by resolution MEPC.247(66)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 to make the use of the III Code mandatory.

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[1] On 24 April 2012, the Depositary received the following notification from Brazil: " .. in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) and 16(2)(g)(ii) of the MARPOL Convention, the amendments adopted by resolution (MEPC.203(62)) would not enter into force for Brazil on 1 January 2013, but only after the express approval of the Government of Brazil has been conveyed to the Secretary-General of IMO".

[2] On 26 June 2012, the Depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "The Embassy hereby informs with reference to article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the Convention that, due to national procedural requirements, an express approval will be necessary before the amendments enter into force for Finland".
On 5 January 2015, the Depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements enabling the entry into force of the amendments (MEPC.202(62) and MEPC.203(62)).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 unless prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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[1] to the amendments. As at 1 July 2015, one objection[1] had been received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016.

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[1] The depositary received, on 26 May 2015, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments.
The depositary received, on 29 December 2017, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland as follows: "The Embassy has the honour hereby to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entry into force of the aforementioned amendments (MEPC.247(66)) and can thus withdraw its objection."

(10) 2014 (Annex VI and NOx Technical Code) amendments (MEPC.251(66))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-sixth session (March-April 2014), adopted, by resolution MEPC.251(66)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex VI and the NOX Technical Code 2008.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2015 unless prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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[1] to the amendments. As at 1 March 2015, one objection[1] had been received and accordingly the amendments entered into force on 1 September 2015.

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[1] On 25 February 2015, the Depositary received the following communication from the Embassy of Finland: "The Embassy hereby informs with reference to article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the MARPOL Convention that, due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to the amendments [MEPC.251(66)] ".
The objection was subsequently withdrawn and a communication to this effect was received on 12 July 2017.

(11) 2014 (Annex VI, regulations 2 and 13 and the Supplement to the IAPP certificate) amendments (MEPC.258(67))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-seventh session (October 2014), adopted, by resolution MEPC.258(67)), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, regulations 2 and 13 and the Supplement to the IAPP certificate.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2015 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2016 unless prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. No such objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2016.

(12) 2016 (Annex VI, regulations 13) amendments (MEPC.271(69))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-ninth session (April 2016) adopted, by resolution MEPC.271(69)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to regulation 13.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2017 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 March 2017, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 September 2017.

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* The depositary received a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to notify that its express approval would be necessary before the amendments enter into force (MEPC.271(69)).
On 30 October 2018, the Depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements enabling the entry into force of the amendments (MEPC.271(69)) on 1 January 2019.

(13) 2016 (NOx Technical Code)) amendments (MEPC.272(69))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-ninth session (April 2016) adopted, by resolution MEPC.271(69)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the NOx Technical Code (testing of gas-fuelled and dual fuel engines).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2017 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 March 2017, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 September 2017.

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* The depositary received, on 11 July 2017, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to the amendments (MEPC.272(69)).
On 22 February 2018, the Depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements enabling the entry into force of the amendments (MEPC.272(69)) on 1 March 2018.

(14) 2016 (Annex VI – Data collection system for fuel consumption) amendments (MEPC.278(70))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventieth session (October 2016) adopted, by resolution (MEPC.278(70)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex VI – Data collection system for fuel consumption.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2018 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 September 2017, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2018.

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* The depositary received, on 11 July 2017, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national

procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments (MEPC.278(70)).
On 22 February 2018, the Depositary received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements enabling the entry into force of the amendments (MEPC.278(70)) on 1 March 2018.

(15) 2017 (Annex VI – Designation of the Baltic Sea and the North Sea Emission Control Areas for NOX Tier III control) (Information to be included in the bunker delivery note)) amendments MEPC.286(71))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-first session (July 2017) adopted, by resolution MEPC.286(71)), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex VI – Designation of the Baltic Sea and the North Sea Emission Control Areas for NOX Tier III control.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2018 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2019 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 July 2018 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 January 2019.

(16) 2018 (Annex VI – ECAs and required EEDI for ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships amendments (MEPC.301(72))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-second session (April 2018) adopted, by resolution MEPC.301(72), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex VI – ECAs and required EEDI for ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2019 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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[1] to the amendments. As at 1 March 2019, one objection[1] had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 September 2019.

[1] The depositary received, on 22 February 2019, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland is obliged to object to these amendments [MEPC.301(72)].

The depositary received, on 25 March 2019, a further communication from the Embassy of Finland: "... the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for entering into force of the amendments [MEPC.301(72)], and can thus withdraw its objection.

(17) 2018 (Prohibition on the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship) (MEPC.305(73))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-third session (October 2018) adopted, by resolution MEPC.305(73), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments on the Prohibition on the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2019 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2020 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 September 2019 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 March 2020.

(18) 2019 (Electronic Record Books and EEDI regulations for ice-strengthened ships) (MEPC.316(74))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-fourth session (May 2019) adopted, by resolution MEPC.316(74), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 April 2020 and shall enter into force on 1 October 2020 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 April 2020 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 October 2020.

(19) 2019 (NOX Technical Code 2008) amendments (MEPC.317(74))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-fourth session (May 2019), adopted, by resolution (MEPC.317(74), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the NOX Technical Code 2008 (Electronic Record Books and Certification requirements for SCR systems).

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 April 2020 and shall enter into force on 1 October 2020 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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.

(20) 2019 (Procedures for sampling and verification of the sulphur content of fuel oil and the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI)) (MEPC. 324(75))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-fifth session (November 2020) adopted, by resolution MEPC.324(75), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 October 2021 and shall enter into force on 1 April 2022 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 October 2021 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 April 2022.

(21) 2021 (Revised MARPOL Annex VI) (MEPC.328(76))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-sixth session (June 2021) adopted, by resolution MEPC.328(76), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 May 2022 and shall enter into force on 1 November 2022 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 November 2022, one objection* had been received and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 November 2022.

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*The Depositary received, on 28 April 2022, a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland was obliged to object the amendments and that it intended to approve and accept them as soon as the necessary legislative amendments were carried out and inform the Secretary-General accordingly.
On 17 September 2025, the Secretary-General received a further communication from the Embassy of Finland that the Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the approval of the amendments (MEPC.328(76)), thereby withdrawing an earlier objection.

(22) 2021 (Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter) (MEPC. 361(79))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-ninth session (December 2022) adopted, by resolution MEPC.361(79), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 November 2023 and shall enter into force on 1 May 2024 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 November 2023 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 May 2024.

(23) 2022 (Regional reception facilities within Arctic waters,…) amendments (MEPC. 362(79))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-ninth session (December 2022) adopted, by resolution MEPC.362(79), in accordance with article 16(2)((d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 November 2023 and shall enter into force on 1 May 2024 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 November 2023 no objection was received, and the amendments accordingly entered into force on 1 May 2024.

(24) 2024 (Low-flashpoint fuels and other fuel oil related issues) (MEPC.385(81))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eighty-first session (March 2024) adopted, by resolution MEPC.385(81), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 February 2025 and shall enter into force on 1 August 2025 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. As at 1 February 2025, two objections[1] were received and the amendments entered into force on 1 August 2025.

(25) 2024 (Designation of the Canadian Arctic and the Norwegian Sea as Emission Control Areas for Nitrogen Oxides, Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter, as appropriate) (MEPC.392(82))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eighty-second session (October 2024) adopted, by resolution MEPC.392(82), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2025 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2026 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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. The amendments entered into force on 1 March 2026, three objections* had been received.

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* On 18 February 2026, the Secretary-General received a communication from the Embassy of Finland that due to national procedural requirements, Finland was obliged to object the amendments and that it intended to approve and accept them as soon as the necessary legislative amendments were carried out and inform the Secretary-General accordingly. .. On 27 February 2026, the Secretary-General received a communication from the Russian Federation that the amendments will not enter into force for the Russian Federation on 1 March 2026 (Circ. PMP.7/Circ.92 refers.)

* Refer to circular PMP.7/Circ.89 for Costa Rica's objection to the amendments under the tacit acceptance procedure.

(26) 2025 (NOx TECHNICAL CODE 2008) AMENDMENTS (MEPC.397(83))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eighty-third session (April 2025) adopted, by resolution MEPC.397(83), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the NOx Technical Code 2008.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2026 and shall enter into force on 1 March 2027 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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.

(27) 2025 (NOx TECHNICAL CODE 2008) AMENDMENTS (MEPC.398(83))

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eighty-third session (April 2025) adopted, by resolution MEPC.398(83), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to the NOx Technical Code 2008.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2026 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2026 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties the combined

[1] On 28 and 30 January 2025, the depositary received communications from the Embassy of Israel and the Embassy of Finland, respectively. Israel notified the Secretary-General that its express approval will be necessary before the amendments enter into force for it. Finland informed that is obliged to object to the amendments due to national procedural requirements, and that it intends to accept them as soon as the necessary legislative amendments have been carried out.

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.

(28) 2026 (Clarification of entries in data reporting required by regulations 27 and 28, designation of the North-East Atlantic as an Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides, Sulphur Oxides and Particulate matter, accessibility to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database, and review clause of the short term GHG reduction measure) MEPC.407(84)

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eighty-fourth session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MEPC.407(84), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2027 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2027 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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.

(29) 2026 (Use of multiple engine operational profiles for a marine diesel engine, including clarifying engine test cycles) MEPC.408(84)

A. Adoption

The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eighty-fourth session (May 2026) adopted, by resolution MEPC.408(84), in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to MARPOL Annex VI.

B. Entry into force

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) and (iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2027 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2027 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties 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.

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