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### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION, 1973

#### CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

##### Comment and proposal on Article 17 of a draft text of the Convention

##### Submitted by the International Chamber of Shipping

#### Article 17

#### Recommendation

Add a new paragraph after paragraph (A) to read:

"(5) Unless expressly provided otherwise, any amendment to the present Convention made under this Article which relates to the structure of a ship shall apply only to ships for which the building contract is placed, or in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid, on or after the date on which the amendment comes into force."

Amend existing paragraphs (5) and (6) to (6) and (7) respectively.

#### Comment

Article IX(f) of SOLAS 1960 contains a provision to preserve against existing ships being subject to amendments to the Convention which are related to ship structure; a similar paragraph was accepted by the Working Group of the SOLAS Revision Convention (28 August - 1 September) for inclusion in the revised SOLAS draft Article on Amendments.

ICS submits that such a paragraph should also be included in the draft Marine Pollution Convention, which, unlike the original 1954 Convention (and the 1962 and 1969 Amendments thereto) is expected to contain a number of features related to ship construction and design.

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