Comments on Proposed Amendments to Articles of the 1960 Safety Convention

Submitted by the International Chamber of Shipping

In the ICS submission contained in SOLAS/CONF/6 a draft Article on reservations is proposed which has been modelled on Article XIV in the International Convention for Safe Containers.

Following informal discussions at the Conference ICS submits the following amended text of Draft Article XV annexed to SOLAS/CONF/6:-

"Article XV

Reservations

(a) Reservations to the present Convention shall be permitted, excepting those relating to the provisions of Articles I - XII and of the present Article and of those contained in the Annex or Appendices, on condition that such reservations are communicated in writing to the Organization and, if communicated before the deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, are confirmed in that instrument. The Secretary-General shall communicate such reservations to all States referred to in Article X.

(b) Any reservations made in accordance with paragraph (a) modifies for the Contracting Party which made the reservation the provisions of the present Convention to which the reservation relates to the extent of the reservation.

(c) Any Contracting Party which has formulated a reservation under paragraph (a) may withdraw it at any time by notification to the Organization."

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