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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Proposed amendment to Regulation 1 (a) of Chapter II

Submitted by the delegation of
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The International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea has been revised several times. If all the previous Conventions are referred to in every new Convention, as is written in the sub-paragraph (ii), Regulation 1(a) in the draft Convention, it seems to be too clumsy.

With the development of history, the Contracting States participating in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, are increasing. However, the previous Conventions and provisions are still referred to in the new Convention. As to the new Contracting States, all the previous Conventions and provisions are invalid, and have no restraint on them. For this reason, we suggest that sub-paragraph (ii) of Regulation 1(a) be amended as follows:

"For existing ships the keels of which were laid before the date of coming into force of the new Convention or were at a similar stage of construction, the relevant administration shall ensure that the provisions which were applied under the Convention then in force to ships by the time of construction are complied with."