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DRAFT TEXT OF CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Insert Chapter I of the 1960 Safety Convention with the following amendments:

Regulation 2 - Definitions

1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) are replaced by the following:

- (a) "Regulations" means the Regulations contained in the Annex to the present Convention.
- (b) "Administration" means the Government of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly.

2. Paragraph (d) is replaced by the following:

- (d) "International voyage" means a voyage from a country to which the present Convention applies to a port outside such country, or conversely. [; and for this purpose every territory for the international relations of which a Contracting Government is responsible or for which the United Nations or the administering authority is regarded as a separate country.]

Note: Having been invited by Committee I to redraft this definition without referring to "territory", the Drafting Committee felt that this could be met by deleting the sentence between square brackets.

3. Paragraph (h) is replaced by the following:

- (h) A tanker is a cargo ship constructed or adapted for the carriage in bulk of liquid cargoes of flammable nature.

4. Paragraph (k) is replaced by the following:

- (k) "New ship" means a ship the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after the date of coming into force of the present Convention.

Regulation 3 - Exceptions

5. Sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (a) is replaced by the following:

- (iv) Wooden ships of primitive build.

Regulation 4 - Exemptions

6. The existing text of Regulation 4 is designated paragraph (a) and the following paragraph (b) is added:

- (b) The Administration may exempt any ship which embodies features of a novel kind from any of the provisions of Chapters II-1, II-2, III and IV of these Regulations the application of which might seriously impede research into the development of such features and their incorporation in ships engaged on international voyages. Any such ship shall, however, comply with safety requirements which, in the opinion of that Administration, are adequate for the service for which it is intended and are such as to ensure the overall safety of the ship and which are acceptable to the Governments of the States to be visited by the ship. The Administration which allows any such exemption shall communicate to the Organization particulars of same and the reasons therefor which the Organization shall circulate to the Contracting Governments for their information.

Regulation 7 - Initial and Subsequent Surveys of Passenger Ships

7. The title of Regulation 7 is replaced by "Surveys of Passenger Ships".

8. The existing text of paragraph (b) is replaced by the following:

- (b) The surveys referred to above shall be carried out as follows:
- (i) The survey before the ship is put in service shall include a complete inspection of its structure, machinery and equipment, including the outside of the ship's bottom and the inside and outside of the boilers. This survey shall be such as to ensure

that the arrangements, material, and scantlings of the structure, boilers and other pressure vessels and their appurtenances, main and auxiliary machinery, electrical installation, radio installation, radiotelegraph installations in motor lifeboats, portable radio apparatus for survival craft, life-saving appliances, fire detecting and extinguishing appliances, radar, echo-sounding device, gyro-compass, pilot ladders and other equipment, fully comply with the requirements of the present Convention, and of the laws, decrees, orders and regulations promulgated as a result thereof by the Administration for ships of the service for which it is intended. The survey shall also be such as to ensure that the workmanship of all parts of the ship and its equipment is in all respects satisfactory, and that the ship is provided with the lights, means of making sound signals and distress signals as required by the provisions of the present Convention and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force.

- (ii) The periodical survey shall include an inspection of the structure, boilers and other pressure vessels, machinery and equipment, including the outside of the ship's bottom. The survey shall be such as to ensure that the ship, as regards the structure, boilers and other pressure vessels and their appurtenances, main and auxiliary machinery, electrical installation, radio installation, radiotelegraph installations in motor lifeboats, portable radio apparatus for survival craft, life-saving appliances, fire-detecting and extinguishing appliances, radar, echo-sounding device, gyro-compass, pilot ladders and other equipment, is in satisfactory condition and fit for the service for which it is intended, and that it complies with the requirements of the present Convention, and of the laws, decrees, orders and regulations promulgated as a result thereof by the Administration. The lights and means of making sound signals and the distress signals carried by the ship shall also be subject to the above-mentioned survey for the purpose of ensuring that they comply with the requirements of the present Convention and of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force.

- (iii) A survey either general or partial, according to the circumstances, shall be made every time an accident occurs or a defect is discovered which affects the safety of the ship or the efficiency or completeness of its life-saving appliances or other equipment, or whenever any important repairs or renewals are made. The survey shall be such as to ensure that the necessary repairs or renewals have been effectively made, that the material and workmanship of such repairs or renewals are in all respects satisfactory, and that the ship complies in all respects with the provisions of the present Convention and of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force, and of the laws, decrees, orders and regulations promulgated as a result thereof by the Administration.

Regulation 8 - Surveys of Life-saving Appliances and other Equipment of Cargo Ships

9. The existing text of Regulation 8 is replaced by the following:

Regulation 8

Surveys of Life-saving Appliances and other Equipment of Cargo Ships

The life-saving appliances, except a radiotelegraph installation in a motor lifeboat or a portable radio apparatus for survival craft, the echo-sounding device, the gyro-compass, and the fire-extinguishing appliances of cargo ships to which Chapters II-1, II-2, III and V apply shall be subject to initial and subsequent surveys as provided for passenger ships in Regulation 7 of this Chapter with the substitution of 24 months for 12 months in subparagraph (a)(ii) of that Regulation. The fire control plans in new ships and the pilot ladders, lights and means of making sound signals carried by new and existing ships shall be included in the surveys for the purpose of ensuring that they comply fully with the requirements of the present Convention and, where applicable, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force.

Regulation 9 - Surveys of Radio and Radar Installations of Cargo Ships

10. The existing text of Regulation 9 is replaced by the following:

Regulation 9

Surveys of Radio and Radar Installations  
of Cargo Ships

The radio and radar installations of cargo ships to which Chapters IV and V apply and any radiotelegraph installation in a motor lifeboat or portable radio apparatus for survival craft which is carried in compliance with the requirements of Chapter III shall be subject to initial and subsequent surveys as provided for passenger ships in Regulation 7 of this Chapter.

Regulation 10 - Survey of Hull, Machinery and Equipment of Cargo Ships

11. The title of Regulation 10 is replaced by "Surveys of Hull, Machinery and Equipment of Cargo Ships".

Regulation 12 - Issue of Certificates

12. The existing text of Regulation 12 is replaced by the following:

Regulation 12

Issue of Certificates

- (a) (i) A certificate called a Passenger Ship Safety Certificate shall be issued after inspection and survey to a passenger ship which complies with the requirements of Chapters II-1, II-2, III and IV and any other relevant requirements of the present Regulations.
- (ii) A certificate called a Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate shall be issued after survey to a cargo ship which satisfies the requirements for cargo ships on survey set out in Regulation 10 of this Chapter and complies with the applicable requirements of Chapters II-1 and II-2 other than those relating to fire extinguishing appliances and fire control plans.
- (iii) A certificate called a Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate shall be issued after inspection to a cargo ship which complies with the relevant requirements of Chapters II-1, II-2 and III and any other relevant requirements of the present Regulations.

- (iv) A certificate called a Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelegraphy Certificate shall be issued after inspection to a cargo ship, fitted with a radiotelegraph installation, which complies with the requirements of Chapter IV and any other relevant requirements of the present Regulations.
- (v) A certificate called a Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelephony Certificate shall be issued after inspection to a cargo ship, fitted with a radiotelephone installation, which complies with the requirements of Chapter IV and any other relevant requirements of the present Regulations.
- (vi) When an exemption is granted to a ship under and in accordance with the provisions of the present Regulations, a certificate called an Exemption Certificate shall be issued in addition to the certificates proscribed in this paragraph.
- (vii) Passenger Ship Safety Certificates, Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificates, Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificates, Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelegraphy Certificates, Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelephony Certificates and Exemption Certificates shall be issued either by the Administration or by any person or organization duly authorized by it. In every case, that Administration assumes full responsibility for the Certificate.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the present Convention any certificate issued under, and in accordance with, the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, which is current when the present Convention comes into force in respect of the Administration by which the certificate is issued, shall remain valid until it expires under the terms of Regulation 14 of Chapter I of that Convention.
- (c) A Contracting Government shall not issue certificates under, and in accordance with, the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, 1948 or 1929, after the date on which acceptance of the present Convention by the Government takes effect.

#### Miscellaneous

- 13. References to Chapter II are replaced by Chapter II-1.
  - 14. When in the 1960 Safety Convention both British and metric units are mentioned, only metric units are cited.
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