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RECOMMENDATION ON ADDITIONAL SIGNALS FOR
DEEP-DRAUGHT SHIPS IN NARROW CHANNELS

RESOLUTION A.162(ES.IV)

adopted on 28 November 1968

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the
function of the Assembly,

TAKING NOTE that narrow channels are being established in
open sea areas outside which deep-draught ships cannot navigate
without running into danger of grounding or damaging their
bottom,

RECOGNIZING the need to ensure that such ships are not
hampered in the safe passage through such channels,

RECOGNIZING further that such ships navigating in such
channels should be provided with special signals for
identification purposes,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation adopted by the Maritime
Safety Committee at its eighteenth session,

ADOPTS the Recommendation on Additional Signals for
Deep-draught Ships in Narrow Channels, the text of which appears
in the Annex to this Resolution.

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ANNEX

Recommendation on additional signals for
deep-draught ships in narrow channels

A power-driven vessel under way in a narrow channel which, owing to its draught, can navigate only inside such channel, may carry in addition to the lights prescribed in Rule 2(a)(i), (ii), (iv), (v) and Rule 10(a) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and during the same circumstances as prescribed in the Regulations for these lights, three red lights in a vertical line one over the other so that the upper and lower lights shall be the same distance from and not less than 6 feet (1.83 metres) above or below the middle light. They shall be carried where they can best be seen and visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least two miles. By day such a vessel may carry, where it can best be seen, a black cylinder of not less than two feet (0.61 metres) in diameter and a height of not less than 3.5 feet (1.07 metres).
