ANNEX 9

RESOLUTION MSC.502(105)
(adopted on 28 April 2022)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 1983
(1983 SPS CODE)

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.534(13), by which the Assembly, at its thirteenth session, adopted the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 1983 (1983 SPS Code),

RECALLING FURTHER that the Assembly authorized the Committee to amend the Code as may be necessary,

NOTING the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("the Convention") adopted by resolution MSC.496(105),

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 105th session, consequential amendments to the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate and the Record of Equipment for the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate (Form SPS) of the 1983 SPS Code,

1 ADOPTS amendments to the 1983 SPS Code, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES that the said consequential amendments to the 1983 SPS Code should become effective on 1 January 2024, in conjunction with the entry into force of the amendments to the Convention adopted by resolution MSC.496(105).
ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 1983
(1983 SPS CODE)

APPENDIX

FORM OF SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS

Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate

The existing form of Safety Certificate for Special Purpose Ships, including the associated record of equipment for Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate (Form SPS), contained in the appendix to the annex is replaced by the following:
"FORM OF SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS

SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIP SAFETY CERTIFICATE

This Certificate should be supplemented by a Record of Equipment (Form SPS)

(Official seal) (State)

Issued in compliance with the provisions of the

CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS

under the authority of the Government of

(name of the State)

by

(person or organization authorized)

Particulars of ship

Name of ship ........................................................................................................................................

Distinctive number or letters ................................................................................................................

Port of registry ........................................................................................................................................

Gross tonnage ........................................................................................................................................

Sea areas in which ship is certificated to operate (SOLAS regulation IV/2)  

IMO number  

Ship's special purpose ..............................................................................................................................

Date on which keel was laid or ship was of a similar stage of construction or, where applicable, date on which work for a conversion or an alteration or modification of a major character was commenced

1 Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.

2 For a ship certified to operate in sea area A3, indicate the recognized mobile satellite service in brackets.

3 Refer to the IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.1117(30).
THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. That the ship has been surveyed in accordance with the requirements of regulation 1.6 of the Code.

2. That the survey showed that:
   
   2.1 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards:
       
       .1 the structure, main and auxiliary machinery, boilers and other pressure vessels; and
       
       .2 the watertight subdivision arrangements and details;
   
   2.2 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards structural fire protection, fire safety systems and appliances, and fire-control plans;
   
   2.3 the life-saving appliances and the equipment of the lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats were provided in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
   
   2.4 the ship was provided with a line-throwing appliance in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
   
   2.5 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards radio installations;
   
   2.6 the provision and functioning of the radio installations used in life-saving appliances complied with the provisions of the Code;
   
   2.7 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards shipborne navigational equipment, means of embarkation for pilots and nautical publications;
   
   2.8 the ship was provided with lights, shapes and means of making sound signals and distress signals, in accordance with the provisions of the Code and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force; and
   
   2.9 in all other respects the ship complied with the relevant provisions of the Code.

3. That an Exemption Certificate has/has not\(^4\) been issued.

4. That the ship has/has not\(^4\) been provided with Certificates issued under the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended.

This certificate is valid until ............................ .................................................................

Completion date of the survey on which this certificate is based: .................................. (dd/mm/yyyy)

Issued at .......................................................... .................................................................

(Place of issue of certificate)

.................................................. ..........................................................

(Date of issue) (Signature of authorized official
issuing the certificate)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing authority, as appropriate)

\(^4\) Delete as appropriate.
ENDORSEMENT FOR ANNUAL SURVEYS RELATING TO HULL, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT REFERRED TO IN SECTION 2.1 OF THIS CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, at a survey required by 1.6 of the Code, the ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Code.

Annual survey:
Signed .................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place .................................................................
Date .................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual survey:
Signed .................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place .................................................................
Date .................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual survey:
Signed .................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place .................................................................
Date .................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)
ENDORSEMENT FOR ANNUAL AND PERIODICAL SURVEYS RELATING TO LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT REFERRED TO IN SECTIONS 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 AND 2.9 OF THIS CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, at a survey required by 1.6 of the Code, the ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Code.

Annual survey: Signed .................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place .................................................................
Date .................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual/periodical survey: Signed .................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place .................................................................
Date .................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual/periodical survey: Signed .................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place .................................................................
Date .................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual survey: Signed .................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place .................................................................
Date .................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

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Delete as appropriate.

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ENDORSEMENT FOR PERIODICAL SURVEYS RELATING TO RADIO INSTALLATIONS
REFERRED TO IN SECTION 2.5 OF THIS CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, at a survey required by 1.6 of the Code, the ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Code:

Periodical survey:
Signed ........................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place ........................................................................
Date ........................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Periodical survey:
Signed ........................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place ........................................................................
Date ........................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Periodical survey:
Signed ........................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place ........................................................................
Date ........................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual survey:
Signed ........................................................................
(Signature of authorized official)
Place ........................................................................
Date ........................................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)
ENDORSEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CERTIFICATE

The ship complies with the relevant provisions of the Code and this Certificate should, in accordance with 1.7.3, be accepted as valid until .................................................................

Signed ...........................................................
(Signature of authorized official)

Place ............................................................

Date ............................................................

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)
ANNEX

RECORD OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIP SAFETY CERTIFICATE
(FORM SPS)

This Record should be permanently attached to the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate.

RECORD OF EQUIPMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS

1 Particulars of ship

Name of ship ............................................................................................................................

Distinctive number or letters .................................................................................................

Number of special personnel on board (including passengers) for which certified ..........

Minimum number of persons on board with required qualifications to operate the radio installations ............................................................

2 Details of life-saving appliances

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1</th>
<th>Total number of persons for which life-saving appliances are provided</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Port side</td>
<td>Starboard side</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Total number of lifeboats</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>Total number of persons accommodated by them</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>Number of partially enclosed lifeboats (SOLAS regulation III/42)</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>Number of self-righting partially enclosed lifeboats (SOLAS regulation III/43)</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>Number of totally enclosed lifeboats (SOLAS regulation III/44)</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>Other lifeboats</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.5.1</td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.5.2</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>. . . . . .</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5 Refer to the 1983 amendments to SOLAS (MSC.6(48)), applicable for ships constructed on or after 1 July 1986, but before 1 July 1998.
### Details of life-saving appliances (continued)

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
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<tr>
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</table>
| 3 | Number of motor lifeboats  
(included in the total lifeboats shown above) |
| 3.1 | Number of lifeboats fitted with searchlights |
| 4 | Number of rescue boats |
| 4.1 | Number of boats which are included in the total lifeboats shown above |
| 5 | Liferafts |
| 5.1 | Those for which approved launching appliances are required |
| 5.1.1 | Number of liferafts |
| 5.1.2 | Number of persons accommodated by them |
| 5.2 | Those for which approved launching appliances are not required |
| 5.2.1 | Number of liferafts |
| 5.2.2 | Number of persons accommodated by them |
| 6 | Buoyant apparatus |
| 6.1 | Number of apparatus |
| 6.2 | Number of persons capable of being supported |
| 7 | Number of lifebuoys |
| 8 | Number of lifejackets |
| 9 | Immersion suits |
| 9.1 | Total number |
| 9.2 | Number of suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets |
| 10 | Number of thermal protective aids<sup>6</sup> |

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<sup>6</sup> Excluding those required by SOLAS regulations III/38.5.1.24, III/41.8.31 and III/47.2.2.13 of the 1983 amendments to SOLAS (MSC.6(48)) that are applicable to ships constructed on or after 1 July 1986, but before 1 July 1998.
## Details of radio facilities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Actual provision</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Primary systems</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>VHF radio installation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.1.1</td>
<td>DSC encoder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.1.2</td>
<td>DSC watch receiver</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.1.3</td>
<td>Radiotelephony</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>MF radio installation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.2.1</td>
<td>DSC encoder</td>
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<td>1.2.2</td>
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<td>MF/HF radio installation</td>
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<td>DSC watch receiver</td>
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<td>Radiotelephony</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.4</td>
<td>Recognized mobile satellite service ship earth station</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Secondary means of initiating the transmission of ship-to-shore distress alerts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Facilities for reception of MSI and search and rescue related information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>EPIRB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.1</td>
<td>Portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus fitted in survival craft</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Search and rescue locating devices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>Radar search and rescue transponders (radar SART) stowed for rapid placement in survival craft</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.2</td>
<td>Radar search and rescue transponders (radar SART) stowed in survival craft</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.3</td>
<td>AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) stowed for rapid placement in survival craft</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.4</td>
<td>AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) stowed in survival craft</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4 **Methods used to ensure availability of radio facilities (SOLAS regulations IV/15.6 and 15.7)**

4.1 Duplication of equipment ................................................................................................................

4.2 Shore-based maintenance ...................................................................................................................

4.3 At-sea maintenance capability ...........................................................................................................

5 **Special Purpose Ships constructed before 1 February 1995 which do not comply with all the applicable requirements of chapter IV of the SOLAS Convention, as amended**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Requirements of regulations</th>
<th>Actual provision</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hours of listening by operator</td>
<td>. . . . . . . . . .</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of operators</td>
<td>. . . . . . . . . .</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whether auto alarm fitted</td>
<td>. . . . . . . . . .</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whether main installation fitted</td>
<td>. . . . . . . . . .</td>
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<tr>
<td>Whether reserve installation fitted</td>
<td>. . . . . . . . . .</td>
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<tr>
<td>Whether main and reserve transmitters electrically separated or combined</td>
<td>. . . . . . . . . .</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6 **Special Purpose Ships constructed before 1 February 1992 which do not comply with the applicable requirements of chapter III of the SOLAS Convention, as amended**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Actual provision</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Radiotelegraph installation for lifeboat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Portable radio apparatus for survival craft</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Survival craft EPIRB (121.5 MHz and 243.0 MHz)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Two-way radiotelephone apparatus</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that this Record is correct in all respects.

Issued at ........................................................................................................................................

(Place of issue of the Record)

................................................................. (Date of issue) ....................................................... (Signature of authorized official issuing the Record)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing authority, as appropriate)"

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7 This section need not be reproduced on the record attached to certificates issued after 1 February 1999.

8 This section need not be reproduced on the record attached to certificates issued after 1 February 1995.