

RESOLUTION MSC.503(105) (adopted on 28 April 2022)  
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**ANNEX 10**

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**(adopted on 28 April 2022)**

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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 MSC.266(84), by which the Committee, at its eighty-fourth session, adopted the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008 (2008 SPS Code), which superseded the SPS Code adopted by resolution A.534(13), as amended, for special purpose ships certified on or after 13 May 2008,

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 2008 SPS Code,

1 ADOPTS amendments to the 2008 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 2008 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, 2008  
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**ANNEX  
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, 2008  
as adopted by resolution MSC.266(84)

under the authority of the Government of

(name of the State)

by

(person or organization authorized)

***Particulars of ship<sup>1</sup>***

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)<sup>2</sup> .....

IMO number<sup>3</sup> .....

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 .....

<sup>1</sup> Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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 provisions of 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, means of making sound signals and distress signals in accordance with the provisions of the Code and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions of Sea in force;
  - 2.9 in all other respects the ship complied with the relevant provisions of the Code.
- 3 That an Exemption Certificate has/has not<sup>4</sup> been issued.
- 4 That the ship has/has not<sup>4</sup> been provided with certificates issued under SOLAS, 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)

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<sup>4</sup> Delete as appropriate.

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**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)

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<sup>4</sup> survey: Signed .....  
(Signature of authorized official)

Place .....

Date .....

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual/periodical<sup>4</sup> 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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<sup>4</sup> 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)

APPENDIX

**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 persons 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**

1	Total number of persons for which life-saving appliances are provided	.....	
		Port side	Starboard side
2	Total number of lifeboats	.....	.....
2.1	Total number of persons accommodated by them	.....	.....
2.2	Number of partially enclosed lifeboats (regulation III/31 and LSA Code, section 4.5)	.....	.....
2.3	Number of totally enclosed lifeboats (regulation III/31 and LSA Code, section 4.6)	.....	.....
2.4	Other lifeboats	.....	.....
2.4.1	Number	.....	.....
2.4.2	Type	.....	.....

**2**      ***Details of life-saving appliances (continued)***

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	Number of lifebuoys	.....
7	Number of lifejackets	.....
8	Immersion suits	.....
8.1	Total number	.....
8.2	Number of suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets	.....
9	Number of thermal protective aids <sup>5</sup>	.....

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<sup>5</sup> Excluding those required by the LSA Code, paragraphs 4.1.5.1.24, 4.4.8.31 and 5.1.2.2.13.

**3      *Details of radio facilities***

Item	Actual provision
1      Primary systems	.....
1.1    VHF radio installation	.....
1.1.1   DSC encoder	.....
1.1.2   DSC watch receiver	.....
1.1.3   Radiotelephony	.....
1.2    MF radio installation	.....
1.2.1   DSC encoder	.....
1.2.2   DSC watch receiver	.....
1.2.3   Radiotelephony	.....
1.3    MF/HF radio installation	.....
1.3.1   DSC encoder	.....
1.3.2   DSC watch receiver	.....
1.3.3   Radiotelephony	.....
1.4    Recognized mobile satellite service ship earth station	.....
2      Secondary means of initiating the transmission of ship-to-shore distress alerts	.....
3      Facilities for reception of MSI and search and rescue related information	.....
4      EPIRB	.....
5      Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus	.....
5.1    Portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus	.....
5.2    Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus fitted in survival craft	.....
6      Search and rescue locating devices	.....
6.1    Radar search and rescue transponders (radar SART) stowed for rapid placement in survival craft	.....
6.2    Radar search and rescue transponders (radar SART) stowed in survival craft	.....
6.3    AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) stowed for rapid placement in survival craft	.....
6.4    AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) stowed in survival craft	.....

**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 Details of navigational systems and equipment**

Item	
1.1	Standard magnetic compass <sup>6</sup> .....
1.2	Spare magnetic compass <sup>6</sup> .....
1.3	Gyro compass <sup>6</sup> .....
1.4	Gyro-compass heading repeater <sup>6</sup> .....
1.5	Gyro-compass bearing repeater <sup>6</sup> .....
1.6	Heading or track control system <sup>6</sup> .....
1.7	Pelorus or compass bearing device <sup>6</sup> .....
1.8	Means of correcting heading and bearings .....
1.9	Transmitting heading device (THD) <sup>6</sup> .....
2.1	Nautical charts/Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) <sup>4</sup> .....
2.2	Backup arrangements for ECDIS .....
2.3	Nautical publications .....
2.4	Backup arrangements for electronic nautical publications .....
3.1	Receiver for a global navigation satellite system/terrestrial radionavigation system <sup>6 4</sup> .....
3.2	9 GHz radar <sup>5</sup> .....
3.3	Second radar (3 GHz/ 9 GHz <sup>4</sup> ) <sup>6</sup> .....
3.4	Automatic radar plotting aid (ARPA) <sup>6</sup> .....
3.5	Automatic tracking aid <sup>6</sup> .....
3.6	Second automatic tracking aid <sup>6</sup> .....
3.7	Electronic plotting aid <sup>6</sup> .....
4	Automatic identification system (AIS) .....
5.1	Voyage data recorder (VDR) <sup>4</sup> .....
5.2	Simplified voyage data recorder (S-VDR) <sup>4</sup> .....
6.1	Speed and distance measuring device (through the water) <sup>6</sup> .....
6.2	Speed and distance measuring device (over the ground in the forward and athwartship direction) <sup>6</sup> .....
6.3	Echo-sounding device <sup>6</sup> .....
7.1	Rudder, propeller, thrust, pitch and operational mode indicator <sup>6</sup> .....
7.2	Rate-of-turn indicator <sup>6</sup> .....
8	Sound reception system <sup>6</sup> .....
9	Telephone to emergency steering position <sup>6</sup> .....
10	Daylight signalling lamp <sup>6</sup> .....
11	Radar reflector <sup>6</sup> .....
12	International Code of Signals .....
13	IAMSAR Manual, Volume III .....

**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 duly authorized official  
issuing the Record)

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

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<sup>4</sup> Delete as appropriate.

<sup>6</sup> Alternative means of meeting this requirement are permitted under regulation V/19. In case of other means, they should be specified.

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