ASSEMBLY - 18th session
Agenda item 11

RESOLUTION A.756(18)
adopted on 4 November 1993

GUIDELINES ON THE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED WITH FIRE CONTROL PLANS
AND BOOKLETS REQUIRED BY SOLAS REGULATIONS II-2/20 AND 41-2

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime
Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to
regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

NOTING that, by resolution MSC.24(60), the Maritime Safety Committee
adopted amendments to chapter II-2 of the International Convention for the
Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, dealing with fire-protection measures to
be taken in respect of existing passenger ships which, inter alia, require
that plans and booklets referred to in regulation II-2/20 shall provide the
information regarding fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction,

NOTING ALSO that, by resolution MSC.27(61), the Maritime Safety Committee
adopted similar amendments dealing with new passenger ships,

REFERRING to the decision taken by the Maritime Safety Committee at its
sixtieth session that guidelines on information to be contained in plans and
booklets regarding fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction should
be developed before the relevant SOLAS provisions become effective,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety
Committee at its sixty-first session,

1. ADOPTS the Guidelines on the Information to be Provided with Fire Control
Plans and Booklets Required by SOLAS Regulations II-2/20 and 41-2, set out in
the Annex to the present resolution;

2. INVITES Governments to apply the above Guidelines when implementing the
amendments to chapter II-2 of the SOLAS Convention adopted by
resolution MSC.24(60).
Regulations II-2/20, paragraph 4 and regulation 41-2, paragraph 1.1, require certain information to be provided in the fire control plans on board ships carrying more than 36 passengers regarding their present safety standards.

In addition to complying with SOLAS regulation II-2/20.1, the information as prescribed below should be provided with the fire control plans from 1 October 1994 on board all ships carrying more than 36 passengers and be available at all times:

1. Ship's keel laying date and application of the SOLAS Conventions and amendments. Original method (I, II, III or with or without sprinklers etc.) of fire safety construction, as applicable.

2. Which additional fire safety measures, if any, were applied.

3. Dates and description of any modifications to the ship which in any way alter its fire safety.

4. If the information required by .3 above is not available for modifications carried out before 1 October 1994, the fire safety method (I, II, III or the SOLAS Convention and amendments thereto) as presently used in the ship should be at least stated. Where more than one method or a combination of methods is used in different locations of the ship, this should be specified.

In ships carrying more than 36 passengers constructed on or after 1 October 1994, the symbols in the fire control plans are recommended to be in accordance with IMO resolution A.654(16) "Graphical symbols for fire control plans".