CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Comment and proposal on Article 17
of a draft text of the Convention

Submitted by the International Chamber
of Shipping

Article 17

Recommendation

Add a new paragraph after paragraph (A) to read:

"(5) Unless expressly provided otherwise, any amendment to the
present Convention made under this Article which relates to the
structure of a ship shall apply only to ships for which the
building contract is placed, or in the absence of a building
contract, the keel of which is laid, on or after the date on which
the amendment comes into force."

Amend existing paragraphs (5) and (6) to (6) and (7) respectively.

Comment

Article IX(f) of SOLAS 1960 contains a provision to preserve against
existing ships being subject to amendments to the Convention which are related
to ship structure; a similar paragraph was accepted by the Working Group of
the SOLAS Revision Convention (28 August - 1 September) for inclusion in the
revised SOLAS draft Article on Amendments.

ICS submits that such a paragraph should also be included in the draft
Marine Pollution Convention, which, unlike the original 1954 Convention (and the
1962 and 1969 Amendments thereto) is expected to contain a number of features
related to ship construction and design.