CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Texts of Regulations of the 1960 Safety Convention which have been amended by the Assembly

Corrigenda

At the beginning of Chapter II - Construction, page 6, add the following amended text of Regulation 1:

"Regulation 1
Application
(a) (i) Unless expressly provided otherwise, this Chapter applies to new ships.

(ii) In the case of existing passenger ships and cargo ships the keels of which were laid on or after the date of coming into force of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, the Administration shall ensure that the requirements which were applied under Chapter II of that Convention to new ships as defined in that Chapter are complied with. In the case of existing passenger ships and cargo ships the keels of which were laid before the date of coming into force of that Convention, the Administration shall ensure that the requirements which were applied under Chapter II of that Convention to existing ships as defined in that Chapter are complied with. As regards those requirements of Chapter II of the present Convention which are not contained in Chapter II of the 1948 Convention the Administration shall decide which of these requirements shall be applied to existing ships as defined in the present Convention.

* The text of sub-paragraph (a)(iii) has been adopted by Assembly Resolution A.122(V) of 25 October 1967. Further proposed amendments to sub-paragraph (a)(ii), and to paragraphs (d) and (e) are contained in SOLAS/CONF/4/2.
(iii) A ship which undergoes repairs, alterations, modifications and outfitting related thereto shall continue to comply with at least the requirements previously applicable to the ship. An existing ship in such a case shall not, as a rule, comply to a lesser extent with the requirements for a new ship than it did before. Repairs, alterations and modifications of a major character and outfitting related thereto should meet the requirements for a new ship in so far as the Administration deems reasonable and practicable.

(b) For the purpose of this Chapter:

(i) A new passenger ship is a passenger ship the keel of which is laid on or after the date of coming into force of the present Convention, or a cargo ship which is converted to a passenger ship on or after that date, all other passenger ships being described as existing passenger ships.

(ii) A new cargo ship is a cargo ship the keel of which is laid on or after the date of coming into force of the present Convention.

(c) The Administration may, if it considers that the sheltered nature and conditions of the voyage are such as to render the application of any specific requirements of this Chapter unreasonable or unnecessary, exempt from those requirements individual ships or classes of ships belonging to its country which, in the course of their voyage, do not proceed more than 20 miles from the nearest land.

(d) In the case of a passenger ship which is permitted under paragraph (c) of Regulation 27 of Chapter III to carry a number of persons on board in excess of the lifeboat capacity provided, it shall comply with the special standards of subdivision set out in paragraph (e) of Regulation 5 of this Chapter, and the associated special provisions regarding permeability in paragraph (d) of Regulation 4 of this Chapter, unless the Administration is satisfied that, having regard to the nature and conditions of the voyage, compliance with the other provisions of the Regulations of this Chapter is sufficient.
(e) In the case of passenger ships which are employed in the carriage of large numbers of unberthed passengers in special trades, such, for example, as the pilgrim trade, the Administration, if satisfied that it is impracticable to enforce compliance with the requirements of this Chapter, may exempt such ships, when they belong to its country, from those requirements on the following conditions:

(i) That the fullest provision which the circumstances of the trade will permit shall be made in the matter of construction.

(ii) That steps shall be taken to formulate general rules which shall be applicable to the particular circumstances of these trades. Such rules shall be formulated in concert with such other Contracting Governments, if any, as may be directly interested in the carriage of such passengers in such trades.

Notwithstanding any provisions of the present Convention, the Sinla Rules, 1931, shall continue in force as between the parties to those Rules until the rules formulated under sub-paragraph (e)(ii) of this Regulation shall come into force.