Amendments to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, were adopted by resolution A.1004(25) in November 2007. These amendments entered into force on 1 December 2009.

In annex IV, Distress signals:

1. In 1 (d), the words “radiotelegraphy or by any other” are replaced with “any”.

2. 1 (l) is replaced with:

   (l) a distress alert by means of digital selective calling (DSC) transmitted on:
       (i) VHF channel 70, or
       (ii) MF/HF on the frequencies 2187.5 kHz, 8414.5 kHz, 4207.5 kHz, 6312 kHz, 12577 kHz or 16804.5 kHz;

3. 1 (m) is replaced with:

   (m) a ship-to-shore distress alert transmitted by the ship’s Inmarsat or other mobile satellite service provider ship earth station;