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substances in packaged form)**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

NOTING article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 ("1973 Convention") and article VI of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 ("1978 Protocol") which together specify the amendment procedure of the 1978 Protocol and confer upon the appropriate body of the Organization the function of considering and adopting amendments to the 1973 Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol (MARPOL),

HAVING CONSIDERED proposed amendments to Annex III of MARPOL, developed by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC), at its eighteenth session,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex III of MARPOL, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2015 unless, prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments;

3 INVITES the Parties to note that, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the said amendments shall enter into force on 1 March 2016 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article 16(2)(e) of the 1973 Convention, to transmit to all Parties to MARPOL, certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex;

5 REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to transmit to the Members of the Organization which are not Parties to MARPOL copies of the present resolution and its annex.

ANNEX

**AMENDMENT TO MARPOL ANNEX III**

**(Amendment to the appendix on criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form)**

**MARPOL Annex III**

**Regulations for the prevention of pollution by harmful substances carried by sea in packaged form**

**Appendix**

**Criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form**

The chapeau of the appendix is replaced by the following:

"For the purpose of this Annex, substances, other than radioactive materials\*, identified by any one of the following criteria are harmful substances\*\*.

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\* Refer to class 7, as defined in chapter 2.7 of the IMDG Code

\*\* The criteria are based on those developed by the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), as amended. For definitions of acronyms or terms used in this appendix, refer to the relevant paragraphs of the IMDG Code."

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