

RESOLUTION A.579(14)

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Agenda item 10(b)*

USE OF PILOTAGE SERVICES IN THE SOUND

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 and the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

BEING AWARE of the close relationship between safety of navigation and the prevention of pollution from ships,

BEING ALSO AWARE of the urgent need to protect the Baltic Sea area, which is listed as a special area in Annex I to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto,

NOTING that navigation of loaded gas carriers and loaded chemical tankers of 1,600 gross tonnage and above carrying noxious liquid substances of category A or B, as defined in Annex II to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and navigation of ships carrying a shipment of class 7 radioactive materials as specified in paragraph 9.5.2 of the introduction to class 7 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code), constitutes a potential danger of pollution of the entrances to the Baltic Sea and a potential hazard to international shipping,

BEARING IN MIND:

- (a) Resolution 5 on intentional pollution of the sea and accidental spillages adopted by the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973,
- (b) Resolution A.159(ES.IV) on pilotage,
- (c) MSC/Circ.158 of 5 April 1974 on the control of movements of chemical tankers and gas carriers,
- (d) Resolution A.339(IX) on navigation through the entrances to the Baltic Sea,

1. RECOMMENDS that loaded oil tankers with a draught of 7 metres or more, loaded chemical tankers and gas carriers, irrespective of size, and ships carrying a shipment of class 7 radioactive materials as specified in paragraph 9.5.2 of the introduction to class 7 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code), when navigating the Sound between a line connecting Svinbådan Lighthouse and Hornbaek Harbour and a line connecting Skanör Harbour and Aflandshage (the southernmost point of Amager Island), use the pilotage services established by the Governments of Denmark and Sweden;

2. REVOKES resolution A.427(XI).