

RESOLUTION A.793(19)
adopted on 23 November 1995

**STRENGTH AND SECURING AND LOCKING ARRANGEMENTS OF
SHELL DOORS ON RO-RO PASSENGER SHIPS**

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,

NOTING that the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has issued Unified Requirement S8 for bow doors (as amended in 1995) relating to the strength and to the securing and locking arrangements of bow doors,

NOTING ALSO that this Unified Requirement (UR) will be applied not only to new ro-ro passenger ships but retrospectively, by UR S16 on application of the relevant sections of UR S8, to existing ro-ro passenger ships as well,

BEING OF THE OPINION that the said requirement should apply to all ro-ro passenger ships,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-fifth session,

URGES IACS to urgently review similar Unified Requirements for all other shell doors leading on to the car deck for application to all ro-ro passenger ships as necessary, and to submit the result of that review to the sixty-sixth session of the Maritime Safety Committee,

URGES Governments to ensure that all ro-ro passenger ships, whether or not they are classed with classification societies being members of IACS, comply with IACS Unified Requirement S8 for bow doors (as amended in 1995) and Unified Requirements applicable to all other shell doors, as they may be accepted by the Maritime Safety Committee.
