

11. *Emergency instructions and drills*

- (a) Written emergency instructions should be placed near the passengers' seats.
- (b) Oral emergency instructions should be given to passengers on each departure.
- (c) Practice musters and drills for the crew should take place in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 26.

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RESOLUTION A.127(V)

RECOMMENDATION ON SIGNALS BY EMERGENCY
POSITION-INDICATING RADIO BEACONS

The Assembly,

Noting Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the functions of the Assembly,

Recalling Resolutions A.54(III) and A.91(IV) to which Recommendation 48 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, relates,

Bearing in mind the various signals at present used by emergency position-indicating radio beacons,

Noting that certain of these signals are not identical with the radiotelephone alarm signal as specified by No.1465 of the Radio Regulations,

Noting further that radio beacon transmissions do not give details of the distress of the type included in distress messages,

Recognizing the urgent need for unification of the characteristics of the beacon signals,

Having examined the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee (paragraph 44, MSC XV/22) and the relevant Recommendation of the Maritime Safety Committee (Annex VI to the Report),

Decides that all these signals be considered as distress signals or messages under Regulation 10 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, and Rule 31 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960,

Recommends that further efforts be made for the unification of the characteristics of the beacon signals.

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RESOLUTION A.128(V)

RECOMMENDATION ON VHF RADIOTELEPHONE STATIONS

The Assembly,

Noting Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the functions of the Assembly,

Having examined the Report of the fifteenth session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC XV/22, paragraphs 47-50),

Bearing in mind the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, and in particular Regulation 18 of Chapter V and Regulation 7 bis of Chapter IV, which have been adopted by the Assembly at its present session,

Noting that a Contracting Government to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, may require, in accordance with Regulation 18, Chapter V, ships navigating in an area under its sovereignty to be provided with a Very High Frequency radiotelephone station to be used in conjunction with a system which it has established in order to promote safety of navigation,

Having considered the Recommendation adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifteenth session (Annex VIII, MSC XV/22),

Decides that when a Contracting Government establishes such a system, it should:

- (a) give adequate notice of the coming into force of that system;
- (b) indicate the geographical limits of the area to which it will apply;
- (c) indicate the classes of ships which will be affected; and