

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.

25 October 1967
Agenda item 10

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

(d) convey any other relevant information,

Requests the Secretary-General to circulate any such notice and information to all Contracting Governments.

25 October 1967
Agenda item 10

RESOLUTION A.129(V)

RECOMMENDATION ON EMERGENCY RADIOTELEGRAPH TRANSMITTERS
ON VESSELS OF LESS THAN 1600 TONS GROSS
WHEN ON TRANSOCEANIC VOYAGES

The Assembly,

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

Having examined the Report of the fourteenth session of the Maritime Safety Committee (paragraph 48(f), MSC XIV/20),

Noting that there is no international requirement for cargo ships of less than 1600 tons gross to be equipped with radiotelegraphy,

Noting further that such ships equipped with radiotelephony only may, in an emergency, be unable to contact coast or shipborne radio stations when navigating through oceanic areas,

Recommends:

- (1) that the attention of the Member States should be drawn to:
 - (a) the possibility of such ships carrying an emergency radiotelegraph transmitter with an automatic keying device sending the radiotelegraph alarm signal, the radiotelegraph distress signal, the call sign of the ship, the sign "LSN 2182" or "QSW 2182", a long dash for direction-finding purposes;
 - (b) the fact that some of the North Atlantic Ocean Station (NAOS) ships at present transmit weather information in the telephony MF band when requested on 2182 kc/s.