

RESOLUTION A.566(14)

*Adopted on 20 November 1985
Agenda item 10(b)*

**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO REGULATION II-2/55.5 OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

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,

BEARING IN MIND regulation I/5 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (1974 SOLAS Convention), as amended, concerning equivalents,

RECALLING ALSO that regulation II-2/55.5 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention as amended refers to alternative arrangements to the inert gas system requirements of regulation II-2/60 for chemical tankers and gas carriers to be developed by the Organization,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution A.473(XII) which provides an interim regulation for inert gas systems on chemical tankers carrying petroleum products for the purpose of implementation of regulation II-2/55.5,

NOTING that by that resolution the Assembly agreed that compliance with additional provisions which will be contained in the final requirements should not be required to be applied to ships the keels of which are laid before the date of entry into force of the final requirements,

NOTING FURTHER that chemical tankers carrying flammable chemical products constructed hitherto have been allowed to operate without inert gas systems, because of the absence of any regulations applicable to such ships, and that this status may continue to be allowed in future for such ships,

HAVING ADOPTED, by resolution A.567(14), the Regulation for Inert Gas Systems on Chemical Tankers which applies to inert gas systems on chemical tankers carrying petroleum and chemical products,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-first session,

1. NOTES the draft amendment to regulation II-2/55.5 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to consider adoption of the draft amendment to regulation II-2/55.5 at the earliest opportunity;
3. RECOMMENDS that, pending the entry into force of the above amendment, Governments concerned apply the requirements of the draft amendment, as an equivalent to the existing requirements of regulation II-2/55.5 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention as amended.

ANNEX

**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO REGULATION II-2/55.5 OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE
AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

55.5 The requirements for inert gas systems of regulation 60 need not be applied to:

- .1 chemical tankers constructed before, on or after 1 July 1986 when carrying cargoes described in paragraph 1, provided that they comply with the requirements for inert gas systems on chemical tankers developed by the Organization* ; or
- .2 chemical tankers constructed before 1 July 1986, when carrying crude oil or petroleum products, provided that they comply with the requirements for inert gas systems on chemical tankers carrying petroleum products developed by the Organization** ; or
- .3 gas carriers constructed before, on or after 1 July 1986 when carrying cargoes described in paragraph 1, provided that they are fitted with cargo tank inerting arrangements equivalent to those specified in subparagraph 5.1 or 5.2; or
- .4 chemical tankers and gas carriers when carrying flammable cargoes other than crude oil or petroleum products such as cargoes listed in chapters VI and VII of the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk or chapters 17 and 18 of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk:
 - .4.1 if constructed before 1 July 1986; or
 - .4.2 if constructed on or after 1 July 1986, provided that the capacity of tanks used for their carriage does not exceed 3,000 m³ and the individual nozzle capacities of tank washing machines do not exceed 17.5 m³/h and the total combined throughput from the number of machines in use in a cargo tank at any one time does not exceed 110 m³/h.

* Reference is made to Regulation for Inert Gas Systems on Chemical Tankers adopted by the Organization by resolution A.567(14).

** Reference is made to Interim Regulation for Inert Gas Systems on Chemical Tankers Carrying Petroleum Products, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.473(XII).