

**RESOLUTION A.577(14)**

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**OPERATIONAL STATUS OF ELECTRONIC POSITION-FIXING SYSTEMS**

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,

RECOGNIZING that changes in the transmissions of electronic position-fixing systems should be avoided,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fiftieth session,

1. ADOPTS the Recommendation on the Operational Status of Electronic Position-fixing Systems, set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. RECOMMENDS Member Governments to ensure that electronic position-fixing systems are operated in accordance with the annexed Recommendation.

ANNEX

**RECOMMENDATION ON THE OPERATIONAL STATUS  
OF ELECTRONIC POSITION-FIXING SYSTEMS**

The authorities or companies responsible for the operation of a selected system, or of any of its constituent parts, should at all times make available to navigators appropriate information on the operational status of such systems or parts thereof. Changes in the transmissions of electronic position-fixing systems which could adversely affect the performance of receivers fitted in ships should be avoided as far as possible and should only be effected after due consideration by the appropriate authorities responsible for the safety of navigation in the area concerned and after adequate notice has been promulgated.