

Having examined the Recommendation on the carriage of electronic position-fixing equipment adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventeenth session,

Recommends to governments that such ships carry an efficient electronic position-fixing device suitable for the trade in which the ship is employed,

Invites the Maritime Safety Committee to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation urgently pursues its work on the subject, and that proposals for amending the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, be prepared for consideration by the Assembly.

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RESOLUTION A.157 (ES. IV)

RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE AND TESTING OF
SHIPBORNE NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

The Assembly,

Noting Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

Considering the need for operating the shipborne navigational equipment to the maximum advantage,

Having examined the Recommendation on the use and testing of shipborne navigational equipment adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventeenth session,

Recommends

- (a) that governments bring to the notice of ships' masters the importance of making the most effective use of all navigational aids at their disposal;
- (b) that operational tests of shipborne navigational equipment be carried out at sea by the master or the officers as frequently as practicable and as circumstances permit, and in particular when conditions of hazardous navigation are expected; these tests should be recorded in the Log Book;
- (c) that governments encourage the development and use of reliable speed and distance indicators.

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