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AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-third session (MSC 63/23, paragraph 7.46) adopted the amendments to the International Code of Signals which are attached to this circular (MSC 63/23, Annex 14).
- 2 Taking into account the importance of these amendments the Committee decided in accordance with Assembly resolution A.187(VI) that these amendments shall come into force on 1 January 1996.
- 3 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.
- 4 Previous amendments to the Code and a list of corrections were communicated by COM/Circ.40 (29 March 1968), COM/Circ.43 (22 May 1968), COM/Circ.48 (28 October 1970), COM/Circ.57 (27 March 1972), COM/Circ.64 (3 May 1973), COM/Circ.66 (4 December 1973), COM/Circ. 75 (9 May 1978), COM/Circ.81 (6 June 1979), COM/Circ.97 (11 May 1984) and COM/Circ.98 (13 October 1986).

ANNEX

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General Section

Standard signals to make innocent passage through the territorial sea or freedom of navigation

List of signals

SIGNAL	MEANING
UV1*	I am conducting innocent passage in the territorial sea
UV2*	Your course leads into an area of the territorial sea in which the right of innocent passage is temporarily suspended
UV3*	You should leave the area of the territorial sea in which the right of innocent passage is temporarily suspended
UV4* (...)	You are violating the conditions of innocent passage through the territorial sea (as indicated in the table of complements below). Request you comply with the conditions of innocent passage through the territorial sea
UV5* (...)	I am not violating the conditions of innocent passage through the territorial sea (as indicated in the table of complements below)
UV6* (...)	I have ceased violating the conditions of innocent passage through the territorial sea (as indicated in the table of complements below)
UV7*	Having disregarded our request for compliance with the conditions of innocent passage through the territorial sea, you are required to leave the territorial sea immediately
UV8	I am conducting transit passage through an international Strait
UV9*	I am exercising freedom of navigation

* Signals UV1-UV9 are not mandatory. Use of these signals is not a precondition to the exercise of the right of innocent passage or freedom of navigation.

TABLE OF COMPLEMENTS

Conditions of innocent passage

SIGNAL	MEANING
0	By threatening or using force against our/your sovereignty, territorial integrity, or political independence
1	By exercising or practising with weapons
2	By engaging in acts aimed at collecting information to the prejudice of our/your defence or security
3	By engaging in acts of propaganda aimed at affecting our/your defence or security
4	By engaging in the launching, landing or taking on board of aircraft or a military device
5	By engaging in the loading or unloading of a commodity, currency or person contrary to the customs, fiscal, immigration or sanitary laws or regulations of our/your country
6	By engaging in wilful and serious pollution
7	By engaging in fishing activities
8	By engaging in research or survey activities
9	By engaging in acts aimed at interfering with our/your systems of communication or other facilities or installations

Other additional signals

SIGNAL	MEANING
UW 2	WELCOME!
UW 3	WELCOME HOME!