

ANNEX 9**RESOLUTION MSC.84(70)
(adopted on 10 December 1998)****ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES ON SURVEYS REQUIRED BY
THE 1978 SOLAS PROTOCOL, THE INTERNATIONAL BULK CHEMICAL CODE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL GAS CARRIER CODE
(RESOLUTION A.560(14))**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO that the Assembly, when adopting resolution A.560(14) on Guidelines on Surveys Required by the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the International Bulk Chemical Code and the International Gas Carrier Code, requested the Maritime Safety Committee to keep the Survey Guidelines under review for their further improvement,

NOTING that new SOLAS regulation II-1/3-4 requires that all tankers of not less than 20,000 tonnes deadweight shall be fitted with emergency towing arrangements, the design and construction of which shall be approved by the Administration based on the Guidelines adopted by the Organization by resolution MSC.35(63),

MINDFUL of the fact that the above-mentioned Guidelines do not contain provisions for the periodical surveying of the emergency towing arrangements, other than in paragraph 3.2 therein which refers to regular inspection and maintenance,

RECOGNIZING that the exposed location and limited usage of such arrangements justify surveys to be carried out on an annual basis as a condition for the issuance and endorsement of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation at its sixth session,

1. ADOPTS amendments to the Guidelines on Surveys required by the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the International Bulk Chemical Code and the International Gas Carrier Code (resolution A.560(14)), the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. RECOMMENDS, in the absence of provisions for surveys required for renewal of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate in resolution A.560(14), that thorough examination of the emergency towing arrangements should be part of any such survey;
3. INVITES Governments carrying out the relevant surveys in accordance with resolution A.560(14) and surveys for the renewal of Safety Construction Certificates to take appropriate steps to implement the amendments annexed to the resolution.

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3 MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEY OF ALL CARGO SHIPS

3.3.4 Additional requirements for tankers

- 1 At the end of subparagraph .2 of paragraph 3.3.4.4, the full stop is replaced by a semi-colon.
- 2 The following new subparagraph .3 is added after existing subparagraph .2 of paragraph 3.3.4.4:
 - "3 examination of the emergency towing arrangements required by SOLAS regulation II-1/3-4 to ensure ready availability."
