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EXPERIMENTAL USE OF VISUAL SIGNALS
INDICATING ALTERATIONS OF COURSE

1. The attention of Member Governments is invited to paragraph 1 of circular letter SN/Circ.44 of 15 July 1968, in which reference was made to Rule 28(c) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
2. The Government of the Netherlands has recently advised the Secretariat that the lights used for the experimental device on board the M/V "WALENBURGH" do not have a character as described in the above-mentioned Rule. It was, however, suggested that the signals used are not in contravention with the Collision Regulations since, according to observations, they appear to comply with the provisions of Rule 1(b).
3. In order to avoid misunderstanding and confusion, it is suggested that the experimental use of visual signals indicating alterations of course, should not be referred to any specific Rule of the Collision Regulations.
4. The Secretariat consequently requests that the words:
"... permitted by Rule 28(c) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, ..."
be deleted from paragraph 1 of SN/Circ.44 and that this correction be brought to the attention of all concerned.

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