RESOLUTION MSC.166(78) (adopted on 20 May 2004)

APPLICATION OF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR TRANSMITTING HEADING DEVICES (THDs) TO MARINE TRANSMITTING MAGNETIC HEADING DEVICES (TMHDs)

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

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

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.886(21), by which the Assembly resolved that the function of adopting performance standards and technical specifications, as well as amendments thereto shall be performed by the Maritime Safety Committee and/or the Marine Environment Protection Committee, as appropriate, on behalf of the Organization,

RECALLING FURTHER that, in accordance with chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended, ships of 300 gross tonnage and upwards and less than 500 gross tonnage, which do not carry a gyro compass, are required to carry a Transmitting Heading Device (THD), or other means to transmit heading information,

RECALLING FURTHER ALSO that, at its seventieth and seventy-third sessions, it adopted resolution MSC.86(70) on Adoption of new and amended performance standards for navigational equipment (which includes, in annex 2, Performance Standards for Marine Transmitting Magnetic Heading Devices (TMHDs)) and resolution MSC.116(73) on Performance Standards for Marine Transmitting Heading Devices (THDs),

RECOGNIZING that the magnetic principle of THDs is covered by both the aforementioned resolutions, which has created an inconsistency and misinterpretation in application of the relevant performance standards to TMHDs,

- 1. RECOMMENDS Member Governments to ensure that TMHDs installed on or after 1 July 2002 conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in resolution MSC.116(73);
- 2. FURTHER RECOMMENDS Member Governments continue to accept installations fitted before 1 July 2002 in accordance with annex 2 to resolution MSC.86(70);
- 3. DECIDES that annex 2 to resolution MSC.86(70) is superseded by resolution MSC.116(73) for future applications.

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO REGULATION V/19.2.5.1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, AS AMENDED

CHAPTER V

SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

Regulation 19 - Carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment

In paragraph 2.5, the existing text of subparagraph .1 is replaced by the following:

".1 a gyro compass, or other means, to determine and display their heading by shipborne non-magnetic means, being clearly readable by the helmsman at the main steering position. These means shall also transmit heading information for input to the equipment referred in paragraphs 2.3.2, 2.4 and 2.5.5;"

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE FTP CODE

ANNEX 1 – FIRE TEST PROCEDURES

Part 2 – Smoke and toxicity test

2.6 Classification criteria

2.6.2 Toxicity

In the table of limits, the following text is added after the entry "SO₂ 120 ppm":

"(200 ppm for floor coverings)"

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW CODE

SEAFARERS' TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE

Table A-VI/2-1 – Specifications of minimum standards of competence in survival crafts and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats.

- 1 In column 2, the following text is added at the end of the column:
 - "Dangers associated with the use of on-load release devices
 - Knowledge of maintenance procedures."
- In column 3, the following text is added at the end of subparagraph .4:
 - "operate off-load and on-load release devices."
- In column 3, the following text is added at the end of the present text of subparagraph .5:
 - "including the proper resetting of both off-load and on-load release devices."
- In column 4, the following text is added at the end of the present text:
 - "Equipment is operated in accordance with manufacturers' instructions for release and resetting."