CLARIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF CHAPTER IV OF THE SOLAS CONVENTION

SOLAS Regulations IV/15.5, IV/15.6 and IV/15.7

1. The Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications, being informed, at its
   thirty-ninth session, that some Administrations interpret SOLAS Regulations
   IV/15.5, IV/15.6 and IV/15.7 in conjunction with Assembly resolution A.702(17)
   - Radio maintenance guidelines, to mean a mandatory requirement for shipowners
     to have a service agreement with a shore-based maintenance (SBM) provider or
     providers, could not agree with such an interpretation. The Sub-Committee was
     of the view that the production of a valid SOLAS certificate by an
     Administration is sufficient proof that the Administration is satisfied that
     adequate maintenance arrangements have been made by the shipowner.

2. Member Governments are invited to take account of this clarification when
   carrying out Port State control procedures.