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**REVISION OF SOLAS CHAPTERS III AND IV FOR MODERNIZATION
OF THE GMDSS, INCLUDING RELATED AND CONSEQUENTIAL
AMENDMENTS TO OTHER EXISTING INSTRUMENTS**

**Comments on document NCSR 8/7 concerning consequential amendments
to SOLAS Forms of Certificates and Records of Equipment**

Submitted by IACS

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document proposes consequential changes to Forms P, E, C and R, as contained in document NCSR 7/WP.5, annex 1 (appendix certificates), dealing with passenger and cargo ship certificates related to the draft amendments to SOLAS chapter IV, as revised in document NCSR 8/7, annex 2

Strategic direction, if applicable: 2

Output: 2.10

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: NCSR 5/12; NCSR 6/11, NCSR 6/WP.5; NCSR 7/11, paragraphs 4 and 5, NCSR 7/12, NCSR 7/16, NCSR 7/23, paragraph 11.40, NCSR 7/WP.5, annex 1 and NCSR 8/7, annex 2

Introduction

1 This document comments on document NCSR 8/7, annex 2, containing the updated amendments to Forms P, E, R and C, originally appearing in document NCSR 7/WP.5, annex 1 (appendix certificates), dealing with passenger and cargo ship certificates related to the draft amendments to SOLAS chapter IV.

Background

2 NCSR 6 considered the report of the Correspondence Group on the Modernization of the GMDSS (NCSR 6/11), containing comments and suggested revisions to SOLAS

chapters III and IV (NCSR 5/12, annex, appendix 3). The Sub-Committee agreed, in principle, to revisions to the text, as set out in document NCSR 6/WP.5, annex 7. Further, the Sub-Committee agreed to re-establish the Correspondence Group to progress the amendments set out in document NCSR 6/WP.5, annex 7.

3 NCSR 7 considered proposals and recommendations related to the draft amendments to SOLAS chapters III and IV contained in the report of the re-established Correspondence Group (NCSR 7/11, paragraphs 4 and 5), taking also into account the relevant comments, proposals and recommendations of the fifteenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Radiocommunication Matters (NCSR 7/12) and the twenty-sixth meeting of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Harmonization of Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (NCSR 7/16).

4 Following the above, NCSR 7 agreed, in principle, to the draft amendments to SOLAS chapters III and IV (NCSR 7/WP.5, annex 1), with a view to final agreement by NCSR 8. The sixteenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Expert Group reviewed the draft amendments from an editorial perspective; results are presented in document NCSR 8/7, annex 2.

Discussion and proposed amendments

5 IACS supports the proposed amendments to SOLAS chapter IV and the consequential amendments to Forms P, E, R and C contained in document NCSR 7/WP.5, annex 1 (appendix certificates).

6 IACS has reviewed the proposed amendments and has identified two consequential changes which it considers are needed to streamline Forms P, C and R contained in document NCSR 7/WP.5, annex 1, with the related amendments in SOLAS chapter IV, as follows:*

- .1 noting that there is no longer a requirement for MF/HF direct printing telegraphy, IACS recommends that item 1.3.4 on Forms P, R and C is removed; and
- .2 as a consequence of the new SOLAS regulation IV/7.1.4, part 3 of Forms P and C and part 2 of Form R, "details of radio facilities" should be amended to remove sub-items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, and item 3, and to state "facilities for reception of ~~maritime safety information~~ MSI and SAR search and rescue related information".

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

7 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the foregoing, in particular the proposals in paragraph 6, and take action, as appropriate.

* Tracked changes are indicated using "strikeout" for deleted text and "grey shading" to highlight all modifications and new insertions, including deleted text.