

ANNEX 10

**RESOLUTION MSC.503(105)
(adopted on 28 April 2022)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 2008
(2008 SPS CODE)**

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 MSC.266(84), by which the Committee, at its eighty-fourth session, adopted the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008 (2008 SPS Code), which superseded the SPS Code adopted by resolution A.534(13), as amended, for special purpose ships certified on or after 13 May 2008,

NOTING the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("the Convention") adopted by resolution MSC.496(105),

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 105th session, consequential amendments to the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate and the Record of Equipment for the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate (Form SPS) of the 2008 SPS Code,

1 ADOPTS amendments to the 2008 SPS Code, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES that the said consequential amendments to the 2008 SPS Code should become effective on 1 January 2024, in conjunction with the entry into force of the amendments to the Convention adopted by resolution MSC.496(105).

ANNEX

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 2008
(2008 SPS CODE)**

**ANNEX
FORM OF SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS**

Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate

The existing form of Safety Certificate for Special Purpose Ships, including the associated record of equipment for Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate (Form SPS), contained in the appendix to the annex is replaced by the following:

"FORM OF SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS

SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIP SAFETY CERTIFICATE

This Certificate should be supplemented by a Record of Equipment (Form SPS)

(Official seal)

(State)

Issued in compliance with the provisions of the
CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 2008
as adopted by resolution MSC.266(84)
under the authority of the Government of

(name of the State)

by

(person or organization authorized)

Particulars of ship¹

Name of ship

Distinctive number or letters

Port of registry

Gross tonnage

Sea areas in which ship is certificated
to operate (SOLAS regulation IV/2)²

IMO number³

Ship's special purpose

Date on which keel was laid or ship was of a similar
stage of construction or, where applicable, date on
which work for a conversion or an alteration or
modification of a major character was commenced

¹ Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.

² For a ship certified to operate in sea area A3, indicate the recognized mobile satellite service in brackets.

³ Refer to the *IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme*, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.1117(30).

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

- 1 That the ship has been surveyed in accordance with the provisions of 1.6 of the Code.
- 2 That the survey showed that:
 - 2.1 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards:
 - .1 the structure, main and auxiliary machinery, boilers and other pressure vessels; and
 - .2 the watertight subdivision arrangements and details;
 - 2.2 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards structural fire protection, fire safety systems and appliances and fire-control plans;
 - 2.3 the life-saving appliances and the equipment of the lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats were provided in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
 - 2.4 the ship was provided with a line-throwing appliance in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
 - 2.5 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards radio installations;
 - 2.6 the provision and functioning of the radio installations used in life-saving appliances complied with the provisions of the Code;
 - 2.7 the ship complied with the provisions of the Code as regards shipborne navigational equipment, means of embarkation for pilots and nautical publications;
 - 2.8 the ship was provided with lights, shapes, means of making sound signals and distress signals in accordance with the provisions of the Code and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions of Sea in force;
 - 2.9 in all other respects the ship complied with the relevant provisions of the Code.
- 3 That an Exemption Certificate has/has not⁴ been issued.
- 4 That the ship has/has not⁴ been provided with certificates issued under SOLAS, as amended.

This certificate is valid until

Completion date of the survey on which this certificate is based (dd/mm/yyyy):

Issued at

(Place of issue of certificate)

.....
(Date of issue)

.....
(Signature of authorized official
issuing the certificate)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing authority, as appropriate)

⁴ Delete as appropriate.

**ENDORSEMENT FOR ANNUAL SURVEYS RELATING TO HULL, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT
REFERRED TO IN SECTION 2.1 OF THIS CERTIFICATE**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, at a survey required by 1.6 of the Code, the ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Code.

Annual survey: Signed
(Signature of authorized official)

Place

Date

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual survey: Signed
(Signature of authorized official)

Place

Date

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual survey: Signed
(Signature of authorized official)

Place

Date

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual survey: Signed
(Signature of authorized official)

Place

Date

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

ENDORSEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CERTIFICATE

The ship complies with the relevant provisions of the Code and this Certificate should, in accordance with 1.7.3, be accepted as valid until

Signed
(Signature of authorized official)

Place

Date

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

APPENDIX

**Record of Equipment for the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate
(Form SPS)**

This Record should be permanently attached to the
Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate.

**RECORD OF EQUIPMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE
CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS**

1 Particulars of ship

Name of ship

Distinctive number or letters

Number of persons on board (including passengers)
for which certified

Minimum number of persons on board with required qualifications to operate
the radio installations

2 Details of life-saving appliances

1	Total number of persons for which life-saving appliances are provided	.....
		Port side	Starboard side
2	Total number of lifeboats	.....	.....
2.1	Total number of persons accommodated by them	.....	.....
2.2	Number of partially enclosed lifeboats (regulation III/31 and LSA Code, section 4.5)	.....	.....
2.3	Number of totally enclosed lifeboats (regulation III/31 and LSA Code, section 4.6)	.....	.....
2.4	Other lifeboats	.....	.....
2.4.1	Number	.....	.....
2.4.2	Type	.....	.....

3	Number of motor lifeboats (included in the total lifeboats shown above)	.....
3.1	Number of lifeboats fitted with searchlights	.....
4	Number of rescue boats	.....
4.1	Number of boats which are included in the total lifeboats shown above	.....
5	Liferafts	.....
5.1	Those for which approved launching appliances are required	.....
5.1.1	Number of liferafts	.....
5.1.2	Number of persons accommodated by them	.....
5.2	Those for which approved launching appliances are not required	.....
5.2.1	Number of liferafts	.....
5.2.2	Number of persons accommodated by them	.....
6	Number of lifebuoys	.....
7	Number of lifejackets	.....
8	Immersion suits	.....
8.1	Total number	.....
8.2	Number of suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets	.....
9	Number of thermal protective aids ⁵	.....

⁵ Excluding those required by the LSA Code, paragraphs 4.1.5.1.24, 4.4.8.31 and 5.1.2.2.13.

3 Details of radio facilities

Item		Actual provision
1	Primary systems	.....
1.1	VHF radio installation	.....
1.1.1	DSC encoder	.....
1.1.2	DSC watch receiver	.....
1.1.3	Radiotelephony	.....
1.2	MF radio installation	.....
1.2.1	DSC encoder	.....
1.2.2	DSC watch receiver	.....
1.2.3	Radiotelephony	.....
1.3	MF/HF radio installation	.....
1.3.1	DSC encoder	.....
1.3.2	DSC watch receiver	.....
1.3.3	Radiotelephony	.....
1.4	Recognized mobile satellite service ship earth station	.....
2	Secondary means of initiating the transmission of ship-to-shore distress alerts	.....
3	Facilities for reception of MSI and search and rescue related information	.....
4	EPIRB	.....
5	Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus	.....
5.1	Portable two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus	.....
5.2	Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus fitted in survival craft	.....
6	Search and rescue locating devices	.....
6.1	Radar search and rescue transponders (radar SART) stowed for rapid placement in survival craft	.....
6.2	Radar search and rescue transponders (radar SART) stowed in survival craft	.....
6.3	AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) stowed for rapid placement in survival craft	.....
6.4	AIS search and rescue transmitters (AIS-SART) stowed in survival craft	.....

4 Methods used to ensure availability of radio facilities (SOLAS regulations IV/15.6 and 15.7)

- 4.1 Duplication of equipment
- 4.2 Shore-based maintenance
- 4.3 At-sea maintenance capability

5 Details of navigational systems and equipment

Item

1.1 Standard magnetic compass⁶

1.2 Spare magnetic compass⁶

1.3 Gyro compass⁶

1.4 Gyro-compass heading repeater⁶

1.5 Gyro-compass bearing repeater⁶

1.6 Heading or track control system⁶

1.7 Pelorus or compass bearing device⁶

1.8 Means of correcting heading and bearings

1.9 Transmitting heading device (THD)⁶

2.1 Nautical charts/Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)⁴

2.2 Backup arrangements for ECDIS

2.3 Nautical publications

2.4 Backup arrangements for electronic nautical publications

3.1 Receiver for a global navigation satellite system/terrestrial radionavigation system^{6 4}

3.2 9 GHz radar⁵

3.3 Second radar (3 GHz/ 9 GHz⁴)⁶

3.4 Automatic radar plotting aid (ARPA)⁶

3.5 Automatic tracking aid⁶

3.6 Second automatic tracking aid⁶

3.7 Electronic plotting aid⁶

4 Automatic identification system (AIS)

5.1 Voyage data recorder (VDR)⁴

5.2 Simplified voyage data recorder (S-VDR)⁴

6.1 Speed and distance measuring device (through the water)⁶

6.2 Speed and distance measuring device (over the ground in the forward and athwartship direction)⁶

6.3 Echo-sounding device⁶

7.1 Rudder, propeller, thrust, pitch and operational mode indicator⁶

7.2 Rate-of-turn indicator⁶

8 Sound reception system⁶

9 Telephone to emergency steering position⁶

10 Daylight signalling lamp⁶

11 Radar reflector⁶

12 International Code of Signals

13 IAMSAR Manual, Volume III

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that this Record is correct in all respects.

Issued at
(Place of issue of the Record)

.....
(Date of issue)

.....
(Signature of duly authorized official
issuing the Record)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing authority, as appropriate)"

⁴ Delete as appropriate.

⁶ Alternative means of meeting this requirement are permitted under regulation V/19. In case of other means, they should be specified.