

ANNEX 9

**RESOLUTION MSC.502(105)
(adopted on 28 April 2022)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 1983
(1983 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 A.534(13), by which the Assembly, at its thirteenth session, adopted the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 1983 (1983 SPS Code),

RECALLING FURTHER that the Assembly authorized the Committee to amend the Code as may be necessary,

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 1983 SPS Code,

1 ADOPTS amendments to the 1983 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 1983 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).

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 1983
(1983 SPS CODE)**

APPENDIX

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
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 requirements of regulation 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 and means of making sound signals and distress signals, in accordance with the provisions of the Code and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea in force; and
 - 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 the 1974 SOLAS Convention, 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 ANNUAL AND PERIODICAL SURVEYS RELATING TO
LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT REFERRED TO
IN SECTIONS 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 AND 2.9
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/periodical⁴ survey: Signed
(Signature of authorized official)

Place

Date

(Seal or stamp of the Authority, as appropriate)

Annual/periodical⁴ 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)

⁴ Delete 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)

ANNEX

**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 special personnel 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 (SOLAS regulation III/42)	.....	.....
2.3	Number of self-righting partially enclosed lifeboats (SOLAS regulation III/43)	.....	.....
2.4	Number of totally enclosed lifeboats (SOLAS regulation III/44)	.....	.....
2.5	Other lifeboats	.....	.....
2.5.1	Number	.....	.....
2.5.2	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	Buoyant apparatus	.....
6.1	Number of apparatus	.....
6.2	Number of persons capable of being supported	.....
7	Number of lifebuoys	.....
8	Number of lifejackets	.....
9	Immersion suits	.....
9.1	Total number	.....
9.2	Number of suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets	.....
10	Number of thermal protective aids ⁵	.....

⁵ Excluding those required by SOLAS regulations III/38.5.1.24, III/41.8.31 and III/47.2.2.13.

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 **Special Purpose Ships constructed before 1 February 1995 which do not comply with all the applicable requirements of chapter IV of the SOLAS Convention, as amended⁶**

	Requirements of regulations	Actual provision
Hours of listening by operator
Number of operators
Whether auto alarm fitted
Whether main installation fitted
Whether reserve installation fitted
Whether main and reserve transmitters electrically separated or combined

- 6 **Special Purpose Ships constructed before 1 February 1992 which do not comply with the applicable requirements of chapter III of the SOLAS Convention, as amended⁷**

	Actual provision
Radiotelegraph installation for lifeboat
Portable radio apparatus for survival craft
Survival craft EPIRB (121.5 MHz and 243.0 MHz)
Two-way radiotelephone apparatus

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 authorized official issuing the Record)

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

⁶ This section need not be reproduced on the record attached to certificates issued after 1 February 1999.

⁷ This section need not be reproduced on the record attached to certificates issued after 1 February 1995.