

RESOLUTION MSC.58(67)
(adopted on 5 December 1996)

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS
CHEMICALS IN BULK (IBC 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.4(48) by which it adopted the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code),

RECALLING FURTHER article VIII(b) and regulation VII/8.1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended, concerning the procedure for amending the IBC Code,

BEING DESIROUS of keeping the IBC Code up to date,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its sixty-seventh session, amendments to the Code proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the SOLAS Convention,

CONSIDERING that it is highly desirable for the provisions of the IBC Code, which are mandatory under both the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78) and the 1974 SOLAS Convention, to remain identical,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the SOLAS Convention, amendments to the Code the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 1998, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the SOLAS Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the SOLAS Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 1998 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article VIII(b)(v) of the SOLAS Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex to all Contracting Governments to the SOLAS Convention;
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Contracting Governments to the SOLAS Convention.