

ARTICLE VI

Coast Station Watch

1. Subject to paragraph 2, each Contracting Government agrees to ensure that necessary arrangements are made for coast stations to maintain a continuous watch on the distress, safety and calling frequency or frequencies.

2. During the non-navigation season of the St. Lawrence Seaway system continuous watch need be maintained only by such shore stations as may be required for the service of shipping which continues to operate in the open water areas.

ARTICLE VII

Ship Station Operators and Listening Watch

1. There shall be on board, at least one operator whose qualifications for radiotelephone operation for safety purposes on the Great Lakes have been certified by each of the Contracting Governments for citizens of its own country on vessels of that country or for persons on vessels of other countries, as meeting the qualifications set forth in the Technical Regulations.

2. From among those certified operators, the master shall designate one or more who shall operate the radiotelephone station. The duties of the operators so designated need not be restricted to duties in connection with the radiotelephone station but may include any and all duties assigned them by the master.

3. There shall be an effective continuous listening watch on the distress, safety and calling frequency or frequencies required by the Technical Regulations by at least one person who has been designated by the master to perform such listening. The person so designated may simultaneously perform other duties relating to the operation or navigation of the vessel, provided that such other duties do not interfere with the effectiveness of the listening.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of this Article, Contracting Governments may require that the continuous listening watch shall be maintained on a frequency other than the distress, safety and calling frequencies while the vessel is within designated national waters of a Contracting Government where it assumes the distress watch for the vessel.

5. Vessels may be permitted by each of the Contracting Governments, with respect to its own national waters, to suspend temporarily the continuous listening watch required under paragraph 3 or paragraph 4 of this Article, in order to engage in Maritime Mobile communications on other frequencies.

6. A vessel shall not be navigated unless the qualified radio operator required under paragraph 1 of this Article is on board. However, if the vessel is deprived of the services of such operator while underway the master shall notify authorities of the Contracting Governments of this fact, and shall comply with such instructions as may be given by those authorities. In any event, the master shall obtain a satisfactory replacement operator at the earliest practicable moment.