

CANADA

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR  
PROMOTION OF SAFETY ON THE GREAT LAKES BY MEANS OF RADIO, 1973**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America,

DESIROUS of promoting safety of life and property on the Great Lakes of North America by means of radio;

BELIEVING that this purpose will be served by making provision in common agreement for the use of radiotelephone communication for distress, safety and navigational purposes;

CONSIDERING that these objectives may best be achieved and maintained by the conclusion of an Agreement between the two Governments;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

*Definitions*

For the purpose of this Agreement, unless expressly provided otherwise:

- (a) "Approved" or "Approval" means, in relation to compliance with the terms of this Agreement by vessels of Canada and of the United States, approval by Canada and the United States, respectively, and in relation to vessels of other countries, approval by either Canada or the United States;
- (b) "Vessel" includes every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on or over the water, except aircraft;
- (c) "Towing" means the act of pulling or pushing or towing alongside a vessel or floating object;
- (d) "Great Lakes" means all waters of Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron (including Georgian Bay), Michigan, Superior, their connecting and tributary waters and the River St. Lawrence as far east as the lower exit of the St. Lambert Lock at Montreal in the Province of Quebec, Canada, but shall not include such of the connecting and tributary waters as may be specified in the Technical Regulations;
- (e) "Mile" means a statute mile of 5,280 feet or 1,609 meters;
- (f) "International Radio Regulations" means the Radio Regulations in force annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention, or any regulations which have been, or which from time to time in the future may be, substituted for such regulations;
- (g) "Technical Regulations" means the regulations in force referred to in paragraph 2 of Article III of this Agreement;
- (h) "Distress, safety and calling frequency" means the radiotelephone frequency or frequencies designated for this purpose in the Technical Regulations;
- (i) "Radiotelephone alarm signal" means the automatic alarm signal prescribed by the International Radio Regulations for radiotelephony;