

handling and clearance procedures for cargo will be smooth and uncomplicated. These arrangements should cover all phases from the time the ship arrives at the dock for unloading and customs clearance and for warehousing and re-forwarding of the cargo if required. There should be convenient and direct access between the cargo warehouse and the customs area, both of which should be located close to the dock area, and mechanical conveyance systems should be available, where possible.

F. Consecutive Calls at Two or More Ports in the Same State

2.13 *Recommended Practice.* Taking into account the procedures carried out on the arrival of a ship at the first port of call in the territory of a State, the formalities and documents required by the public authorities at any subsequent port of call in that country visited without intermediate call at a port in another country should be kept to a minimum.

G. Completion of Documents

2.14 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should as far as possible accept the documents provided for in this Annex except as regards Standard 3.7 irrespective of the language in which the required information is furnished thereon, provided that they may require a written or oral translation into one of the official languages of their country or of the Organization when they deem it necessary.

2.15 *Standard.* Typewriting shall not be required in completing documents provided for in this Section. Entries handwritten in ink or indelible pencil shall be accepted when legible.

2.16 *Standard.* Public authorities of the country of any intended port of arrival, discharge, or transit shall not require any document relating to the ship, its cargo, stores, passengers or crew, as mentioned in this Section, to be legalized, verified, authenticated, or previously dealt with by any of their representatives abroad. This shall not be deemed to preclude a requirement for the presentation of a passport or other identity document of a passenger or crew member for visa or similar purposes.

Section 3—ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS

This section contains the provisions concerning the formalities required by public authorities from crew and passengers on the arrival or departure of a ship.

A. Arrival and Departure Requirements and Procedures

3.1 *Standard.* A valid passport shall be the basic document providing public authorities with information relating to the individual passenger on arrival or departure of a ship.

3.1.1 *Recommended Practice.* Contracting Governments should as far as possible agree, by bilateral or multilateral agreements, to accept official documents of identity in lieu of passports.