

ANNEX II

INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA

PRELIMINARY

These Rules shall be followed by all vessels upon the high seas and in all waters connected therewith, navigable by sea-going vessels.

In the following Rules every steam vessel which is under sail and not under steam is to be considered a sailing vessel, and every vessel under steam, whether under sail or not, is to be considered a steam vessel.

The words "steam vessel" shall include any vessel propelled by machinery.

The term "under steam" shall mean under any mechanical power.

A vessel is "under way" within the meaning of these Rules when she is not at anchor or made fast to the shore or aground.

The length of a vessel shall be deemed to be the length appearing in her certificate of registry.

RULES CONCERNING LIGHTS, ETC.

The word "visible" in these Rules, when applied to lights, shall mean visible on a dark night with a clear atmosphere.

ARTICLE 1

The Rules concerning lights shall be complied with in all weathers from sunset to sunrise, and during such time no other lights which may be mistaken for the prescribed lights or impair their visibility shall be exhibited.

ARTICLE 2

A steam vessel when under way shall carry:—

(a) On or in front of the foremast, or if a vessel without a foremast, then in the fore part of the vessel, at a height above the hull of not less than 20 feet, and if the breadth of the vessel exceeds 20 feet, then at a height above the hull not less than such breadth, so, however, that the light need not be carried at a greater height above the hull than 40 feet, a bright white light, so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 20 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light 10 points on each side of the vessel, viz., from right ahead to 2 points abaft the beam on either side, and of such a character as to be visible at a distance of at least 5 miles.