

ARTICLE XV

Control

1. Over and above the application of this Agreement as set forth in the provisions of Article V of this Agreement, every vessel required by this Agreement to have a certificate issued by one Contracting Government in accordance with Article XIII or Article XIV is subject in the ports of the other Contracting Government to control by officers duly authorized by such Government in so far as this control is directed towards verifying that (a) there is on board a valid certification, (b) that the conditions of the radiotelephone apparatus corresponds substantially with the particulars of that certification, and (c) that there are on board the necessary personnel.

2. In the event of this control giving rise to intervention of any kind, the authorities carrying out the control shall forthwith inform the appropriate authorities of the country to which the vessel belongs of all the circumstances in which intervention is deemed to be necessary.

ARTICLE XVI

Responsibility of the Master and Radiotelephone Operators

The radiotelephone station and all persons designated to perform radiotelephone operating duties shall be under the control of the master. These designated persons and the master shall comply with applicable telecommunication laws and international agreements and with the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto.

ARTICLE XVII

Laws and Regulations

The Contracting Governments undertake to communicate to each other the text of laws, decrees, and regulations promulgated on the various matters within the scope of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVIII

Amendments

1. Amendment of the Articles of this Agreement shall be by agreement between the Contracting Governments and shall become effective following an exchange of letters between the Contracting Parties indicating that whatever approval may be required constitutionally has been obtained.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article, amendment or modification of the Technical Regulations annexed to this Agreement may, when agreed upon by the interested agencies of each of the Contracting Governments, be effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes between the Contracting Governments. Any such amendment or modification shall enter into force on the first day of February of the year following the exchange of notes constituting final agreement thereto, provided that an earlier date, but not less than three months from the date of such final agreement, may be specified in the exchange of notes if further delay would adversely affect the safety of vessels subject to this Agreement.