

CANADA

**AGREEMENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF SAFETY ON THE GREAT LAKES  
BY MEANS OF RADIO**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America, being desirous of promoting safety of life and property on the Great Lakes of North America by means of radio, and believing that this purpose will be served by making provision in common agreement for radiotelephone communication for safety purposes, including radiotelephone communication as an aid to an instrument of navigation, and considering that this objective may best be achieved and maintained by the conclusion of an Agreement between the two Governments, have designated for that purpose as their respective Plenipotentiaries:

The Government of Canada:

LIONEL CHEVRIER,

Minister of Transport.

The Government of the United States of America:

STANLEY WOODWARD,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America at Ottawa;

E. M. WEBSTER,

Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

who, having communicated to each other their respective Full Powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

*General Provisions*

1. The Contracting Governments undertake, by their respective constitutional procedures, to give effect to the provisions of this Agreement, for the purpose of promoting safety of life and property on the Great Lakes, and to take all steps which may be necessary to give this Agreement full and complete effect.

2. This Agreement shall apply to vessels of all countries, as provided in Article 3 of this Agreement.

3. The Regulations annexed to this Agreement are an integral part thereof, and every reference to this Agreement implies at the same time a reference to the Regulations unless the language or context of the reference clearly excludes the Regulations. The Regulations may be amended, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement, by agreement between the two Governments.

4. Each Contracting Government agrees that any vessel which is not subject to this Agreement, and which is permitted by such Government to use any frequency designated by this Agreement, shall be required, while on the Great Lakes, to use such frequency in the same manner as a vessel subject to this Agreement.

5. No provision of this Agreement shall prevent the use by a vessel or survival craft in distress of any means at its disposal to attract attention, make known its position, and obtain help.