



CLARIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF CHAPTER IV OF THE SOLAS CONVENTION

SOLAS Regulations IV/15.5, IV/15.6 and IV/15.7

1 The Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications, being informed, at its thirty-ninth session, that some Administrations interpret SOLAS Regulations IV/15.5, IV/15.6 and IV/15.7 in conjunction with Assembly resolution A.702(17) - Radio maintenance guidelines, to mean a mandatory requirement for shipowners to have a service agreement with a shore-based maintenance (SBM) provider or providers, could not agree with such an interpretation. The Sub-Committee was of the view that the production of a valid SOLAS certificate by an Administration is sufficient proof that the Administration is satisfied that adequate maintenance arrangements have been made by the shipowner.

2 Member Governments are invited to take account of this clarification when carrying out Port State control procedures.