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## **SAFETY OF PASSENGER SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT**

### **Regulations applicable to all civilian submarines in waters under French jurisdiction**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-seventh session (2 to 6 December 1996), was informed that the French maritime administration has adopted regulations applicable to civilian submarines, which are now in force. These regulations relate to all civilian submarines or submersible craft and incorporate regulations of a more mandatory nature in the case of passenger submarines.

2 The operation of any civilian submarine in waters under French jurisdiction is subject to an order by the maritime authority defining, *inter alia*, the sector for underwater operations, the maximum depth authorized, and the surface support required, particularly at the moment the submarine resurfaces. In cases where passengers are carried, this order can be issued only if proper provision has been made by the owner for the recovery of the submarine and the passengers in case of an accident, and following the recommendation of a committee of experts.

3 Member Governments are requested to bring the above information to the attention of shipowners and all concerned with civilian submarine operations or intended submarine operations in waters under French jurisdiction.