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APPLICATION OF SECTION 9(b) OF ANNEX I TO THE
INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING
COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972

1. At its thirty-fourth session the Maritime Safety Committee approved a Recommendation concerning the application of Section 9(b) of Annex I to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (MSC XXXIV/18, paragraph 49).
- ... 2. At the request of the Committee, the attached Recommendation is brought to the attention of all Member Governments. The Assembly will be invited in due course to adopt a Resolution endorsing the Committee's action.

ANNEX XIV

~~RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 9(b)~~
~~OF ANNEX I TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS~~
~~FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972~~ (18)

~~THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,~~ (18)

~~REGALLING~~ the provisions of Section 9(b) of Annex I concerning all-round lights, which must be exhibited in accordance with certain Rules of the 1972 Regulations,

~~REGALLING FURTHER~~ that lights visible all-round the horizon are required by Rules 4, 8 and 9 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960, and have been installed on existing ships with the approval of Administrations although compliance with the letter of the above Rules with regard to the arc of visibility was not always practicable,

NOTING that the requirements of Section 9(b) of Annex I of the 1972 Regulations are more detailed and precise although not necessarily more stringent than the requirements of the 1960 Regulations,

CONSIDERING THEREFORE that all-round lights on existing ships, approved by Administrations, satisfy in essence the provisions of Section 9(b) of Annex I of the 1972 Regulations,

CONSIDERING FURTHER that no widespread problems regarding compliance with Section 9(b) of Annex I by new vessels are likely to arise,

RECOMMENDS THAT

- (a) for existing vessels a readjustment is deemed not to be required of the all-round lights, the positioning of which has previously been approved by the Administration;
- (b) with regard to new vessels, Governments are invited to take account of a number of methods which may be used to satisfy the requirements of Section 9(b) of Annex I of the 1972 Regulations, such as:

- (i) suitable displacement of the lights from the obstruction;
- (ii) positioning of the lights so as to be higher than the obstruction;
- (iii) fitting of a combination of lights at the same horizontal level provided they are placed at close proximity to each other and, if necessary, fitted with suitable screening.

INVITES Member Governments to continue to supply information to the Organization with regard to any particular problem which may arise in connexion with vessels of special construction, where more elaborate arrangements or techniques may be required.