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Attachment 2 to the Final Act of the Conference

RESOLUTION 3

RECOMMENDATION ON COMPLIANCE WITH SOLAS REGULATION XII/5

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING ADOPTED amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended, concerning the safety of bulk carriers,

CONSIDERING that new SOLAS regulation XII/5 requires that bulk carriers of 150 m in length and upwards of single side skin construction, designed to carry solid bulk cargoes having a density of 1000 kg/m³ and above and constructed on or after 1 July 1999 should have sufficient strength, taking into account the recommendations adopted by the Organization, to withstand flooding of any one cargo hold in all loading and ballast conditions, taking also into account dynamic effects,

NOTING that the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has issued the following relevant Unified Requirements:

S17 Longitudinal strength of hull girder in flooded condition for single side skin bulk carriers;

S18 Evaluation of scantlings of corrugated transverse watertight bulkheads for single side skin bulk carriers considering hold flooding; and

S20 Evaluation of allowable hold loading for single side skin bulk carriers considering hold flooding,

NOTING ALSO that the rules of classification societies should provide for adequate strength for bulk carriers of types other than single side skin construction in accordance with regulation II-1/3-1 of the Convention,

BEING OF THE OPINION that application of the said Unified Requirements will satisfy the requirements of regulation XII/5 of the Convention,

URGES Governments to ensure that all bulk carriers of single side skin construction, whether or not they are classed with classification societies being members of IACS, comply with the aforesaid IACS Unified Requirements.