UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATION V/23

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (16 to 25 May 2012), reviewed and approved a revised unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation V/23 concerning the installation date of pilot transfer equipment and arrangements, stipulated in paragraph 1.2 of the regulation, as follows:

.1 for ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 July 2012, or in the absence of the contract, constructed on or after 1 July 2012, "installed on or after 1 July 2012" means any installation on the ship; and

.2 for ships other than those ships prescribed in .1 above, "installed on or after 1 July 2012" means a contractual delivery date for the system, in its entirety or for individual components of the system, as relevant, to the ship on or after 1 July 2012 or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date, the actual delivery of the system, in its entirety or for individual components, to the ship on or after 1 July 2012. This does not apply to equipment and arrangements covered by paragraph 1.4 of regulation V/23.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the above revised interpretation when applying SOLAS regulation V/23 and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

3 This circular revokes MSC.1/Circ.1375.