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FOREWORD

The Assembly of the International Maritime Organization at its fourteenth session adopted, on 20 November 1985, by resolution A.560(14) the Guidelines on Surveys Required by the 1978 Protocol relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) and the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code). They supersede the Guidelines on Mandatory Annual Surveys, Unscheduled Inspections of All Cargo Ships as well as Intermediate Surveys on Tankers of Ten Years of Age and Over under the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 adopted by resolution A.413(XI) and the amendments thereto adopted by resolution A.465(XII).

The present Guidelines, which also include amendments to the provisions of the Guidelines concerning surveys of inert gas systems, are intended to provide a general framework upon which Administrations will be able to base their arrangements for carrying out surveys and inspections.

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-first session reaffirmed its views that the Guidelines should also be used in respect to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods in Bulk (BCH Code) and the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (GC Code).

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PROTOCOL, THE INTERNATIONAL BULK CHEMICAL CODE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL GAS CARRIER CODE**

***Resolution A.560(14)
adopted on 14 November 1985***

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

NOTING that it adopted by resolution A.413(XI), subsequently amended by resolution A.465(XII), the Guidelines on Mandatory Annual Surveys, Unscheduled Inspections of All Cargo Ships as well as Intermediate Surveys on Tankers of Ten Years of Age and Over under the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the 1978 SOLAS Protocol), which are intended to provide a general framework upon which Administrations will be able to base their arrangements for carrying out surveys and inspections,

NOTING FURTHER that the Maritime Safety Committee was requested to continue its work on this subject with a view to improving the Guidelines as may be necessary,

RECOGNIZING the need to further improve provisions of the Guidelines on Surveys under the 1978 SOLAS Protocol in respect of surveys of inert gas systems,

HAVING RECALLED that the Maritime Safety Committee adopted, by resolutions MSC.4(48) and MSC.5(48), the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) and the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code),

RECOGNIZING ALSO the need to provide guidelines for annual and intermediate surveys of chemical tankers and gas carriers constructed and equipped in accordance with the IBC and IGC Codes,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-first session,

1. ADOPTS the Guidelines on Surveys Required by the 1978 SOLAS Protocol, the International Bulk Chemical Code and the International Gas Carrier Code, as set out in the Annex to the present resolution, which supersede the Guidelines adopted by resolution A.413(XI) and the amendments thereto adopted by resolution A.465(XII);
2. INVITES Governments concerned to follow the Guidelines in conducting appropriate surveys;
3. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to keep the Guidelines under review for their further improvement.

ANNEX

GUIDELINES ON SURVEYS REQUIRED BY THE 1978 SOLAS PROTOCOL, THE INTERNATIONAL BULK CHEMICAL CODE AND THE INTERNATIONAL GAS CARRIER CODE

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