

RESOLUTION MSC.208(81)
(adopted on 18 May 2006)

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES FOR THE AUTHORIZATION
OF ORGANIZATIONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION
(RESOLUTION A.739(18))**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING resolution A.739(18) by which the Assembly adopted the Guidelines for the authorization of organizations acting on behalf of the Administration (herewith referred to as “the Guidelines”), which have become mandatory under chapter XI-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”),

NOTING ALSO article VIII(b) and regulation XI-1/1 of the Convention concerning the procedure for amending the Guidelines,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eighty-first session, amendments to the Guidelines, proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the Convention,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Guidelines for the authorization of organizations acting on behalf of the Administration, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2010, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2010 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

ANNEX

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APPENDIX 1

**MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS ACTING
ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION**

The following new paragraph 2-1 is added after the existing paragraph 2:

“2-1 The organization should perform survey and certification functions of a statutory nature by the use of only exclusive surveyors and auditors, being persons solely employed by the organization, duly qualified, trained and authorized to execute all duties and activities incumbent upon their employer, within their level of work responsibility. While still remaining responsible for the certification on behalf of the flag State, the organization may subcontract radio surveys to non-exclusive surveyors in accordance with the relevant provisions of resolution A.789(19).”