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**ENDORSEMENT OF CERTIFICATES WITH THE DATE OF COMPLETION
OF THE SURVEY ON WHICH THEY ARE BASED**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-fourth session (30 May to 8 June 2001) and the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its forty-sixth session (23 to 27 April 2001), acknowledging that, in the process of transition to the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) under the SOLAS, MARPOL and Load Line Conventions, it has become evident that it is sometimes difficult on the pre-HSSC certificates, and in certain cases not possible on certificates issued under the HSSC, to find information on the date of completion of the survey on which the certificate in question and its validity is based, agreed that when the date of issue of a certificate does not correspond with the associated survey, all certificates should clearly indicate when the associated survey was completed. The primary purpose of this indication is to provide port State control officers and other parties with clear and unambiguous information.

2 Conscious of the time needed to effect the appropriate amendments to the form of the certificates issued under the HSSC; realizing that any amendments to the form of pre-HSSC certificates are no longer possible; and recognizing that it would be advantageous for all the parties involved to provide in the certificates, as soon as possible, all the information that port State control officers may need, the Committees invited flag Administrations, in the interim and when appropriate, to endorse, or authorize their recognized organizations to endorse, the relevant certificates with the following words:

“Completion date of the survey on which this certificate is based: dd/mm/yy”.
