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AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETYNET MANUAL

1 The Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR), at its seventh session (13 to 17 January 2003), as instructed by MSC 76, further reviewed MSC/Circ.1064 and the guidance on the operation of the International SafetyNET Services, as amended, and agreed that in addition to the adopted amendments given in MSC/Circ.1064, the following guidance should also be brought to the attention of Member Governments:

"Exceptionally in NAVAREA XIII, Administrations should be aware that owing to certain features of the existing Inmarsat-C receivers within this area, the facility for addressing messages to temporary geographic areas, as noted in paragraph 4.5 of the Manual, may be used for promulgation of navigational warnings".

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-seventh session (28 May to 6 June 2003), adopted the aforementioned additional guidance and invited Member Governments to bring it to the attention of all concerned.

3 This circular supplements MSC/Circ.1064.