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### **SAFETY OF PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGMENTS**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-eighth session (24 November to 3 December 2010), adopted, by resolution MSC.308(88), amendments to SOLAS regulation V/23 relating to pilot transfer arrangements.

2 The Committee also agreed to encourage Member Governments to formally include pilot transfer arrangement as part of the safety equipment that their port State control officers would be examining in the course of an initial port State control inspection with a view to minimizing the risk of injury and loss of life in pilot transfer arrangements.

3 Consequently, the Committee, at its eighty-ninth session (11 to 20 May 2011), approved the issuance of this circular and invited Member Governments to bring it and the above-mentioned requirements of SOLAS 74 concerning the safety of pilot transfer arrangements to the attention of duly authorized officials exercising port State control and other parties, as appropriate.

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