

ANNEX 29

**RESOLUTION MSC.165(78)
(adopted on 17 May 2004)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ON SHIPS'
ROUTEING
(RESOLUTION A.572(14), AS AMENDED)**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

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

RECOGNIZING the need to provide general provisions for adoption, designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the decision of the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation at its forty-third session that an archipelagic sea lane should be considered to be a routeing system,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-eighth session, the text of the proposed amendments to the General Provisions on Ships' Routeing (resolution A.572(14), as amended), to incorporate amendments to the provisions relating to adoption, designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes:

1. ADOPTS the Amendments to the General Provisions on Ships' Routeing (resolution A.527(14), as amended), concerning the adoption, designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES that amendments to the General Provisions on Ships' Routeing including amendments to the General Provisions for the adoption, designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes shall be adopted, brought into force and shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of resolution A.572(14), as amended;
3. INVITES Governments intending to submit proposals for the adoption, designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes to take account of the annexed General Provisions;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to bring this resolution and its Annex to the attention of all Contracting Governments to the SOLAS Convention and to Members of the Organization which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

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AMENDMENTS TO PART ‘H’ OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ON SHIPS’ ROUTEING (RESOLUTION A.572(14), AS AMENDED)

ANNEX 2

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE ADOPTION, DESIGNATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES

- 1 The existing text of paragraph 3.13 is replaced by the following:

“3.13 After the adoption of the Archipelagic sea lanes by IMO, the Government of the Archipelagic State shall promulgate the designation of the sea lanes. The designation of the sea lanes shall be formally communicated to IMO.”
- 2 The following new paragraph 3.14 is added after the existing paragraph 3.13:

“3.14 Archipelagic sea lanes shall not come into effect until at least six months after the later of:

 - .1 designation of sea lanes as described in paragraph 3.13; and
 - .2 publication of either notices to mariners to amend charts or revised charts to depict the sea lanes.”
