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**TESTING AND APPROVAL OF POSITION-INDICATING LIGHTS FOR
LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL
LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE (LSA) CODE**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventieth session (7 to 11 December 1998), recalled that the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code, which entered into force on 1 July 1998, contains requirements for position-indicating lights and requires that new lights installed after that date meet such requirements.

2 The Committee, having considered recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE), at its forty-first session, adopted, by resolution MSC.81(70), a Revised Recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances, which apply to the life-saving appliances to be installed on board on or after 1 July 1999 and which contains, *inter alia*, revised test procedures for position-indicating lights for life-saving appliances, including:

- .1 lifejacket lights;
- .2 exterior canopy lights for lifeboats and liferafts; and
- .3 lifebuoy self-igniting lights.

3 In order to ensure that position-indicating lights meet the requirements of the LSA Code in a timely manner, Member Governments are invited to apply, as soon as possible, the test procedures specified in section 10 of the Annex to resolution MSC.81(70) to all new position-indicating lights installed on board ships flying their flag.