

RESOLUTION A.387(X)

*Adopted on 14 November 1977
Agenda item 8(b)*

**PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING AND BRINGING UP TO DATE
THE MERCHANT SHIP SEARCH AND RESCUE MANUAL
(MERSAR)**

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

RECALLING its previous Resolution on the Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR) (Resolution A.229(VII)),

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation of the Maritime Safety Committee with regard to establishing a procedure for amending and bringing up to date the Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR),

DECIDES:

- (a) to adopt the procedure recommended by the Committee regarding this subject, the text of which is set out in the Annex to this Resolution;
- (b) to recommend that governments should ensure that all ships, including sea-going fishing vessels, carry a copy of the MERSAR Manual.

ANNEX

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1. The Committee should receive and evaluate, through its subsidiary bodies, proposals for amendments and/or additions to the Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR) submitted as appropriate.
2. Such proposals should be examined collectively rather than individually when, in the Committee's judgment, they are sufficient or of such importance as to warrant examination.
3. Amendments adopted by the Committee shall become applicable after twelve months. For amendments of a very urgent nature this period may be shortened at the discretion of the Committee.
4. The active participation of the appropriate Specialized Agencies and other bodies concerned should be sought according to the nature of the proposed amendments.