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THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

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

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.886(21), by which the Assembly resolved that the functions of adopting performance standards for radio and navigational equipment, as well as amendments thereto, shall be performed by the Maritime Safety Committee on behalf of the Organization,

RECALLING FURTHER the *Performance standards for shipborne simplified voyage data recorders (S-VDRs)* adopted by resolution MSC.163(78), as amended by resolution MSC.214(81),

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the *Performance standards for float-free emergency position-indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs) operating on 406 MHz*, adopted by resolution MSC.471(101), which are applicable to float-free EPIRBs operating in the frequency band 406.0-406.1 MHz which form part of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), installed on or after 1 July 2022,

RECOGNIZING the need to amend resolution MSC.163(78), as amended, with respect to float-free recording medium to effect consequential amendments related to the adoption of resolution MSC.471(101),

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 104th session, the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue, at its eighth session,

1 ADOPTS the *Amendments to the Performance standards for shipborne simplified voyage data recorders (S-VDRs)*, set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 RECOMMENDS Governments to ensure that S-VDRs:

- .1 if installed on or after 1 July 2022, conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution MSC.163(78), as amended by resolution MSC.214(81) and the present resolution;
- .2 if installed on or after 1 June 2008, but before 1 July 2022, conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution MSC.163(78), as amended by resolution MSC.214(81); and
- .3 if installed before 1 June 2008, conform to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution MSC.163(78).

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- 1 In paragraph 3.2:
  - .1 resolutions A.810(19) and A.812(19) are deleted from the list; and
  - .2 the following resolution is added to the list:

"- MSC.471(101) Performance standards for float-free emergency position-indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs) operating on 406 MHz"
  
- 2 Paragraph 5.1.3.3 is replaced by the following:

"5.1.3.3 The float-free type protective capsule should:

  - .1 be fitted with means to facilitate grappling and recovery;
  - .2 be so constructed as to comply with the requirements specified in resolution MSC.471(101) and to minimize risk of damage during recovery operations; and
  - .3 the device should be capable of transmitting an initial satellite distress alerting signal and further locating and homing signals over a period of not less than seven days/168 hours."

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