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**MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SHIPS CARRYING
MIXTURES THE BENZENE CONTENT OF WHICH
IS 0.5 PERCENT OR MORE**

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-first session (7 to 11 December 1992), recognized that chronic exposure to very low concentrations of benzene vapours in air, of the order of a few parts per million, may cause leukaemia.

The Committee, at its sixty-sixth session (28 May to 6 June 1996), desiring to protect the health of seafarers at a level similar to that for shore-based workers engaged in similar tasks:

- .1 adopted the annexed minimum safety standard for ships carrying mixtures the benzene content of which is 0.5 per cent or more; and
- .2 invited Member Governments to apply the standards as soon as possible.
