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### **INFORMATION ON NATIONAL HALON BANKING FACILITIES**

1 The Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fortieth session, having noted that, under the 1992 amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention (resolution MSC.27(61)), new installations of halon fire-extinguishing systems have been prohibited since 1 October 1994, recalled its previous decision that, for the time being and until appropriate halon banking facilities were established, the halons need not be withdrawn from existing systems.

2 The Sub-Committee also recognized that information on the availability of halons at various ports of the world should be circulated, as existing halon systems may need to be recharged with the recycled halons to comply with relevant requirements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention.

3 In order to facilitate the dissemination of information on available halon banking facilities, Member Governments were requested to advise the Secretariat of any national halon banking facilities established under their jurisdiction, together with their address, telephone and fax numbers to enable contacts for the purpose of arranging the deposit of decommissioned halons or the purchase of recycled halons (FP/Circ.1).

4 Attached at annex is information received by the Secretariat by end of December 1995.

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