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**RESOLUTION MSC.431(98)
(adopted on 16 June 2017)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR
ENHANCED GROUP CALL (EGC) EQUIPMENT (RESOLUTION MSC.306(87))**

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) on *Procedure for the adoption of, and amendments to, performance standards and technical specifications*, by which the Assembly resolved that the function of adopting performance standards and technical specifications, as well as amendments thereto shall be performed by the Maritime Safety Committee,

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

1 ADOPTS the amendments to resolution MSC.306(87) on *Revised Performance standards for enhanced group call (EGC) equipment*, set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 RECOMMENDS Governments to ensure that EGC equipment installed on or after 1 July 2019 conforms to performance standards not inferior to those set out in the annex to resolution MSC.306(87), as amended by the annex to the present resolution.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1 The following new paragraph 1.3 is inserted after the existing paragraph 1.2:

"1.3 Alternatively to the requirement in paragraph 1.2, the equipment need not provide means to produce a printed copy of received information if it is installed in combination with an interface connecting it to navigation equipment that is compliant with resolution MSC 252(83), as amended, on *Revised Performance standards for integrated navigation systems*. Provisions for interconnection to a shipborne integrated radiocommunication system (IRCS) when used in the GMDSS (resolution A.811(19)) should also be included."

and the remaining paragraph is renumbered accordingly.

5 ANTENNA SITING

2 After the existing section 5, insert a new section 6 as follows:

"6 INTERFACES

6.1 The equipment should include at least one interface for the transfer of received data to other navigation display or integrated communications equipment.

6.2 The equipment should include an interface for alert management in accordance with resolution MSC.302(87) on *Performance standards for bridge alert management*.

6.3 All interfaces provided for communication with other navigation or communication equipment should comply with the relevant international standards¹.

¹ Refer to IEC standards 61162"
