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MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF AIS BINARY MESSAGES

1   The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-fifth session (15 to 24 May 2002) requested the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation to consider carefully the procedure for introducing and maintaining AIS binary messages.

2   The Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, at its forty-eighth session (8 to 12 July 2002) noting that the responsibility for the maintenance of the binary messages was currently with IALA and needed to be officially transferred to IMO, and agreeing on the need to carefully consider and develop administrative and other procedures which should apply, invited Members and IALA in the interim to make an inventory of all binary messages and advise NAV 49. IALA confirmed its readiness to hand over the responsibility for the maintenance of AIS binary messages to IMO.

3   The Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-sixth session (2 to 13 December 2002) subsequently endorsed the actions of NAV 48 and approved this circular.

4   Member Governments are invited to take note of the above information.

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