

A-3: SPECIAL TRADE PASSENGERS SHIPS AGREEMENT

Name of the convention: Special Trade Passengers Ships agreement

Acronym or short name: STP

International organisation in charge of it: International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Summary description (in plain language): This agreement applies to passenger ships engaged in special trade and registered in countries the Governments of which are Contracting Governments to the 1960 SOLAS Convention ([art.II](#)).

This agreement provides modifications to the regulations of Chapters II and III of the 1960 SOLAS Convention.

Date of first approval: 6 October 1971

Date of coming into force: 2 January 1974

Dates of revision: no

Reasons of revisions: no

Applicability (situation of ratification): The present agreement shall enter into force 6 months after the date on which 3 Contracting Governments to the Convention have signed the present agreement without reservation as to acceptance or deposited instruments of acceptance or accession with the Organization in accordance with Article V hereof; provided that at least two of such Governments of States in whose territory are registered ships engaged in the special trades or whose nationals are carried in ships engaged in these trades ([art.VI](#)).

Stakes for ports: This agreement is relevant for ports especially by the communication of information dealing with special trade passenger ships agreement. They have to communicate certificate issued under the provisions of the present agreement for circulation to Contracting Parties ([art.III \(b\)](#)).

Links with other conventions: [SOLAS](#), SPACE STP

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<http://www.imo.org/>; <http://www.comitemaritime.org/>