

A-4: PROTOCOL ON SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL TRADE PASSENGERS SHIPS

Name of the convention: Protocol on Space Requirements for Special Trade Passengers Ships

Acronym or short name: SPACE STP

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

Summary description (in plain language): This protocol developed technical rules covering the safety aspects of carrying passengers on board such ships. The space requirements for special trade passenger ships are complementary to the 1971 Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement. The Protocol applies to passenger ships engaged in special trade and registered in countries the Governments of which are Contracting Governments to the 1960 SOLAS Convention and parties to the Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement ([art.II](#)).

Date of first approval: 13 July 1973

Date of coming into force: 2 June 1977

Dates of revision: no

Reasons of revisions: no

Applicability (situation of ratification): This protocol shall enter into force 6 months after the date on which 3 Governments parties to the 1971 Agreement have signed the present protocol without reservation as to acceptance or deposited instruments of accession with the organization in accordance with article IV hereof; provided that at least two of such Governments shall be 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.V](#)).

Stakes for ports: This Protocol is of relevance for Ports concerning the communication of information dealing with the protocol on space requirements for special trade passenger ships. Port State Authorities have to transmit certificates issued under the provisions of the present protocol for circulation to Contracting Parties ([art.III \(b\)](#)).

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

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