.2 .3 .4 .5 -6 .7 3. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 4. Office of the White House Press Secretary 5\_ 6\_ 8. -8 \_9 10\_ .10 THE WHITE HOUSE 11. .11 12 \_12 13 HECUTIVE ORDER .13 .14 16 17. -17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE 18\_ .18 INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING 19 .19 COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972 .20 20 By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, including Section 301 of Title 3 of the United States Code, 21. .21 22. .22 23. .23 24\_ and as President of the United States of America and 24 25. -25 Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, in order to provide \_26 26. for the coming into force on July 15, 1977, of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing 27. -27 .28 28. Collisions at Sea, 1972 (Senate Executive W, 93d Cong., 29. .29 1st Sess.), it is hereby ordered as follows: \_30 30\_ Section 1. -(a) With respect to vessels of special construction or purpose, the Secretary of the Navy, for vessels of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, for all other ves-31. .31 32. .32 -33 33. 34. 35. .35 sels, shall determine and certify, in accord with Rule I of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions \_36 36\_ .37 37. at Sea, 1972, hereinafter referred to as the International Regulations, as to which such vessels cannot comply fully with the provisions of any of the International Regulations -38 38 -39 39. 40\_ with respect to the number, positions, range or arc of visibility of lights or shapes, as well as to the disposition and characteristics of sound-signalling appliances, without interfering with the special function of the vessel. \_40 -41 41. \_42 42\_ \_43 43. -44 44. -45 45. With respect to vessels for which a certification 46. is issued, the Secretary issuing the certification shall 47. certify as to such other provisions which are the closest 48\_ \_48 possible compliance by that vessel with the International 49. -49 Regulations. 50. .50 51. -51 (c) Notice of any certification issued shall be 52. .52 published in the Federal Register. 53. -53 Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to promulgate special rules with respect to additional station or signal lights or whistle signals for ships of war or vessels proceeding under convoy, and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating is authorized, to the extent permitted by law, including the provisions of Title 14 of the United States Code, to promulgate special rules with respect to additional station or signal lights for fishing vessels engaged in fishing as a fleet. In accord with Rule I of the International Regulations, the additional station or signal lights or whistle signals contained in the 54\_ \_54 55. -55 56. -56 .57 57 58. \_58 59. 1 .59 1\_60 60\_ 61 .61 62. .62 .63 63. 64. station or signal lights or whistle signals contained in the 65. -65 special rules shall be, as far as possible, such as they cannot be mistaken for any light or signal authorized by the International Regulations. Notice of such special rules for fishing vessels shall be published in the Federal Register. 66\_ \_66 -67 .68 68. 69. -69 .70 70 71. .71 72 \_72 (OVER) .73 73. 74-75. \_75 76. Digitized from Box 35 of the White House Press Releases at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library

.2 2. 3. 4. -5 -6 -7 5. Sec. 3. 6\_ The Secretary of the Navy, for vessels of the 7. Navy, and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, for all other vessels, are authorized to exempt, in accord with Rule 381 of the International Regula-8. .8 9. -9 tions, any vessel or class of wessels, the keel of which is laid, or which is at a corresponding stage of construction, 10. \_10 11. -11 before July 15, 1977, from full compliance with the Interna-12\_ 13. tional Regulations, provided that such vessel or class of 1 .13 vessels complies with the requirements of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960. Notice .14 14\_ -15 15. 16. of any exemption granted shall be published in the Federal -16 -17 17. Register. 18\_ \_18 Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating is authorized, to the extent permitted .19 19. 20. .20 21. .21 by law, to promulgate such rules and regulations that are 22. .22 necessary to implement the provisions of the Convention and 23. International Regulations. He shall cause to be published in .23 24\_ 24 the Federal Register any implementing regulations or 25\_ \_25 interpretive rulings promulgated pursuant to this Order, .26 26. and shall promptly publish in the Federal Register the full 27. .27 text of the International Regulations. 28. -28 29. .29 30\_ \_30 31. \_31 32. .32 33. -33 -34 34. 35. .35 GERALD R. FORD 36\_ 36 .37 37. 38\_ \_38 39. -39 THE WHITE HOUSE, 40\_ \_40 41. \_41 January 19, 1977. 42\_ \_42 43. \_43 -44 44. # # # # # 45. .45 46. \_46 .47 47 -48\_ \_48 -49 49. 50. .50 51. .51 52. .52 53. -53 54\_ \_54 55. .55 56. .56 .57 57. .58 58. -59 59. 60\_ \_\_60 61. .61 .62 62. 63. .63 -64 -65 65. 66\_ 66 67 --67 -68 68. -69 69. .70 70. .71 71. 72\_ \_72 .73 73. -74 74. 75. .75 .76 76.