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**CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965**

Notification under article VIII

Submitted by Japan

In accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended, the Secretary-General has received the attached notification from the Government of Japan regarding differences between Japanese practices and the present Standards and Recommended Practices of the Convention and a notification concerning the adoption of Recommended Practices.

ANNEX

**EMBASSY OF JAPAN
LONDON**

9 January 2018

Mr Kitack Lim
Secretary-General,
International Maritime Organization
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Dear Secretary-General,

In accordance with Article VIII (1) of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL), 1965, the Japanese Government wishes to notify the Secretary-General of the differences between national practices and standards of the FAL Convention with regard to the 2016 amendments of the Annex, together with the adoption of Recommended practices of the FAL Convention with regard to the 2016 amendments of the Annex.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of the above.

Yours faithfully,



Jotaro Horiuchi
Minister (Transport, Infrastructure and Tourism)
Alternate Permanent Representative of Japan to the IMO
Embassy of Japan

**-Notification of Japan concerning differences between national practices and Standards of the FAL Convention-
(with regard to 2016 amendments of the Annex)**

STANDARDS

2.1	Due to the enforcement of the Ordinance for the Act on Regulation of Fishing Operation by Foreign Nationals (February 4, 2017), the Japanese authorities require the following documents which are not stipulated in this Standard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of pre-arrival of foreign fishing vessels • Notification of pre-departure of foreign fishing vessels (* Japan has already notified the differences to this Standard. The above-mentioned notification is to be added to the existing list.) Besides, Japan withdraws the following, which it previously notified, from the notification of the difference to this Standard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival notice (to the Immigration Authority)
2.8.1	In Dangerous Goods Manifest, the Japanese authorities require "master's name", which is not stipulated in this Standard.
2.24	In General Declaration (notice of arrival and departure), the Japanese authorities require "position of the ship in the port", which is not stipulated in the Recommended practice 2.2.2.
3.44bis	The Immigration Authorities of Japan do not communicate reasons for shore leave denial to the seafarer concerned in writing.

**-Notification of Japan concerning adoption of Recommended Practices of the FAL Convention-
(with regard to 2016 amendments of the Annex)**

Recommended Practices

1.6ter, 2.1.3bis, 3.38, 5.3bis	Acceptable.
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