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**RECOMMENDATION ON SAFETY MEASURES FOR EXISTING VEHICLE CARRIERS
CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLES WITH COMPRESSED HYDROGEN OR NATURAL
GAS IN THEIR TANKS FOR THEIR OWN PROPULSION AS CARGO**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-third session (14 to 23 May 2014), in adopting the amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 to include requirements for vehicle carrier carrying motor vehicles with compressed hydrogen or natural gas in their tanks for their own propulsion as cargo, approved *Recommendations on safety measures for existing vehicle carriers carrying motor vehicles with compressed hydrogen or natural gas in their tanks for their own propulsion as cargo*, as set out in the following paragraphs.

2 The carriage of vehicles with compressed hydrogen or compressed natural gas in their tanks for their own propulsion should be to the satisfaction of the Administration, taking into account SOLAS regulation II-2/20-1 and SP 961 and SP 962 of the IMDG Code, as applicable.

3 The shipper should provide a signed certificate or declaration that the vehicle fuel system, as offered for carriage, has been checked for leak-tightness and the vehicle is in proper condition for carriage prior to loading. In addition, the shipper is to mark, label or placard each vehicle, after it has been checked for leak-tightness and that it is in proper condition for carriage. During loading, the crew should check each vehicle for the shipper's markings.

4 Member States are invited to use the recommendations above on a voluntary basis when approving the carriage of motor vehicles with compressed hydrogen or compressed natural gas in their tanks for their own propulsion as cargo on existing vehicle carriers and bring them to the attention of owners, operators and other parties concerned, as appropriate.