

§ 826. - Crew Accommodation (Air Conditioning) Recommendation, 30 ottobre 1970 n. 140.

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Fifty-fifth Session on 14 October 1970, and

Noting that the Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised), 1949, lays down minimum standards for the accommodation of crews on board ship, and

Considering that in the light of the rapidly changing characteristics of both the construction and the operation of modern ships further improvements in crew accommodation can be provided, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to crew accommodation, which is the second item on the agenda of the session, and

Having determined that these proposals shall take the form of a Recommendation,

adopts this thirtieth day of October of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy, the following Recommendation, which may be cited as the Crew Accommodation (Air Conditioning) Recommendation, 1970:

1. (1) All ships of 1,000 gross register tons or

over constructed after the adoption of this Recommendation, except those regularly engaged in trades where temperate climatic conditions do not require this, should be equipped with air conditioning of crew accommodation.

(2) Whenever possible such ships should also have air conditioning of the radio room and any centralised machinery control room.

2. The competent authority should—

(a) investigate the possibility of installing air conditioning in ships of less than 1,000 tons constructed after the adoption of this Recommendation;

(b) consider the possibility of providing existing ships with air conditioning of all or part of crew accommodation spaces by means of conversion of mechanical ventilation systems to full air conditioning at a time when substantial structural alterations are being made to the accommodation.

3. The air-conditioning system, whether of a centralised or individual unit type, should be designed—

(a) to maintain the air at a satisfactory temperature and relative humidity as compared to outside air conditions, and to ensure a sufficiency of air changes in all air-conditioned spaces;

(b) to take account of the particular characteristics of operations at sea and not to produce objectionable noises or vibrations.