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HALON BANKING AND RECEPTION FACILITIES

1 The Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fortieth session (17 to 21 July 1995), having noted that, under the 1992 amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention (resolution MSC.27(61)), new installations of halon fire-extinguishing systems had been prohibited as from 1 October 1994, recalled its previous decision that, for the time being and until appropriate halon banking facilities were established, halons need not be withdrawn from existing systems.

2 The Sub-Committee considered it useful that information on the availability of halons at various ports of the world be circulated, as existing halon systems may need to be recharged with recycled halons to comply with the relevant requirements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention.

3 In order to facilitate the dissemination of information on available halon banking facilities, Member Governments were requested (FP/Circ.1) to advise the Secretariat of any national halon banking facilities established under their jurisdiction, together with their address, telephone and fax numbers to enable contacts for the purpose of arranging the deposit of decommissioned halons or the purchase of recycled ones.

4 The attached annex contains the revised listing of halon banking and reception facilities based on information received by the Secretariat during 2008, which supersedes that annexed to FP.1/Circ.35.

5 Member Governments are requested to provide the Secretariat with information on halon banking and reception facilities, which will be included in future FP.1 circulars. Member Governments are also requested to bring the annexed information to the attention of shipowners, ship operators and other parties concerned.

6 In this context, reference is made to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.3 on Decreasing availability of halons for marine uses, requesting Member Governments to collect data on halons from the maritime sector, in particular to collect information on the number of ships equipped with halon systems (e.g., the total amount of halons installed for their merchant fleets), and to convey this information directly to the Ozone Secretariat*.

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ANNEX

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Country	Name and address	Remarks
Italy	GIELLE Via Ferri Rocco, 32 70022 Altamura (BA) Italy Tel: +39 080.3118998 Fax: +39 080.3101309 E-mail: info@gielle.it	The listed company is an authorized halon banking and reception facility for halon recovery and recycling activities.