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1 Scope

This part of IEC 1097 specifies the minimum performance requirements, technical characteristics and methods of testing with required test results of survival craft portable two-way radiotelephone apparatus as required by chapter III of the 1988 amendments to the 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), and which is associated with IEC 945. When a requirement in this standard is different from IEC 945, the requirement in this standard shall take precedence.

This standard incorporates the applicable parts of the performance requirements included in IMO Resolution A.809(19) annex 1 and the technical characteristics included in ITU M.489-2 and ITU-R M.542-1, and takes account of the general requirements contained in IMO Resolution A.694(17), and conforms with the ITU Radio Regulations where applicable.

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2 Normative references

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IEC 529: 1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*

IEC 945: 1994, *Marine navigational equipment – General requirements – Methods of testing and required test results*

IMO International Convention for the Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS): 1974, as amended 1988 (GMDSS) – *Chapter III: Life-saving appliances and arrangements*

IMO Resolution A.694(17): 1991, *General requirements for shipborne radio equipment forming part of the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS) and for electronic navigational aids*

IMO Resolution A.809(19): 1995, *Performance standards for survival craft two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus*

ITU Radio Regulations: 1995, *Appendix S3: Table of maximum permitted spurious emissions power levels*

ITU Radio Regulations: 1990, *Appendix 18: Table of transmitting frequencies in the band 156 – 174 MHz for stations in the maritime mobile service*

ITU-R M.489-2: 1995, *Technical characteristics of radiotelephone equipment operating in the maritime mobile service in channels spaced by 25 kHz*

ITU-R M.542-1: 1982, *On-board communications by means of portable radiotelephone equipment*