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1. This document deals with various matters, relating to vessels, which are not dealt with in the International Lists. It supersedes the Annexes to COCOM 549 with effect from June 15th 1959.

2. Repairs and Alterations to Sino-Soviet Bloc vessels in Free World shipyards.

The following should not be installed or replaced:

- (a) Munitions List items
- (b) List I items which may not be installed in a vessel sold to the Sino-Soviet Bloc
- (c) Arrangements for degaussing.

3. Any work which would lead to the demagnetisation of a vessel or to transforming a vessel into one appearing on List I or the Munitions List should be prohibited, except that the speed of a vessel may be increased by up to 10% even if the increase would confer embargo status on the vessel.

4. In any case where paragraph 2 above conflicts with national law or with the requirements of classification societies or international treaties, conventions or usages, it is understood that exceptions to the foregoing will be necessary. Where exceptions are made the Committee should be informed.

5. Chartering of vessels to the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

The objectives of the controls on the sale of vessels should not be frustrated by bare-boat chartering. Bearing in mind that an operation of this nature might have the same disadvantages from the strategic point of view as the sale of a vessel, Governments agree to undertake such steps as may be possible to prevent the chartering of any embargo type vessels under bare-boat arrangements.

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