



## **IMO Ratifies China's First BeiDou Maritime System International Standard**

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has ratified the performance standard of a receiver of the shipborne BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS). This is the first international BDS standard approved by IMO, marking the first step as China's home-grown system goes global.

The move is the key to the application of BDS in the international maritime field and its industrial development.

As the third phase of the BDS development plan, China now seeks to expand the regional navigation system to global coverage by 2020.

By the end of last March, the sale of BDS/GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) modules already exceeded two million. Over 40 million mobile phones with BeiDou positioning function have been put into market, and vehicle-mounted BDS navigators designed for more than 200 automobile types are available. Along with miniaturization, energy efficiency and decreasing costs, BDS will comprehensively improve public life.