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### **Notice on Implementation of Annex of Resolution MSC.308(88) Relating to the Amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-2 (effective on 1 July 2012)**

#### **1 Background**

The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, at its eighty-eighth session on 3 December 2010, adopted resolution No. 308 relating to the amendments to SOLAS, which will be effective on 1 July 2012.

This Circular covers the instructions on implementation of the annex of resolution MSC.308(88) relating to the amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2, which will be effective on 1 July 2012.

For original English version of resolution MSC.308(88), see Attachment to this Circular.

#### **2 Instructions on implementation**

2.1 The amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 of resolution MSC.308(88) cover: regulation 1- Application, regulation 3- Definitions and regulation 7- Detection and alarm.

##### **2.2 Amendments to SOLAS Reg.II-2/1**

(1) Since the amendment will be effective on 1 July 2012, the application date of 2000 amendments “1 July 2002” is clarified to be replaced by “1 July 2012”, covering the judgment of new ships, existing ships and ships which have undergone repairs, alterations, conversion and outfitting.

(2) For the existing ships constructed before 1 July 2012, amendments by resolutions MSC.99(73)、MSC.134(76)、MSC.194(80)、MSC.201(81)、MSC.216(82)、MSC.256(84)、MSC.269(85) and MSC.291(87) are added on the basis of the applicable requirements of 2000 amendments.

### 2.3 Amendments to SOLAS Reg.II-2/3

Since the Maritime Safety Committee adopted International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 by resolution MSC.307(88), definitions of regulation 3.23 relating to Fire Test Procedures Code is amended correspondingly.

### 2.4 Amendments to SOLAS Reg.II-2/7

Specification is added that fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems are to be fitted in enclosed spaces containing incinerators.

### **Attachment:**

Resolution MSC.308(88): Adoption of Amendments to the International Convention For The Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended

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**Attachment:**

**RESOLUTION MSC.308(88)**  
**(adopted on 3 December 2010)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR  
THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING FURTHER article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), concerning the amendment procedure applicable to the Annex to the Convention, other than to the provisions of chapter I thereof,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eighty-eighth session, amendments to the Convention, proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) thereof,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2012, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES SOLAS Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2012 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

ANNEX  
**AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF  
LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

**CHAPTER II-2  
CONSTRUCTION – FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE  
EXTINCTION**

**Part A  
General**

**Regulation 1 – Application**

- 2 In paragraph 1.1, the date "1 July 2002" is replaced by the date "1 July 2012".
- 3 In paragraph 1.2.2, the date "1 July 2002" is replaced by the date "1 July 2012".
- 4 The existing paragraph 2.1 is replaced by the following:

"2.1 Unless expressly provided otherwise, for ships constructed before 1 July 2012, the Administration shall ensure that the requirements which are applicable under chapter II-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended by resolutions MSC.1(XLV), MSC.6(48), MSC.13(57), MSC.22(59), MSC.24(60), MSC.27(61), MSC.31(63), MSC.57(67), MSC.99(73), MSC.134(76), MSC.194(80), MSC.201(81), MSC.216(82), MSC.256(84), MSC.269(85) and MSC.291(87) are complied with."

- 5 In paragraph 3.1, the date "1 July 2002" is replaced by the date "1 July 2012".
- 6 In paragraph 3.2, the date "1 July 2002" is replaced by the date "1 July 2012".

**Regulation 3 – Definitions**

- 7 The existing paragraph 23 is replaced by the following:

"23 *Fire Test Procedures Code* means the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 (2010 FTP Code) as adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization by resolution MSC.307(88), as may be amended by the Organization, provided that such amendments are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the present Convention concerning the amendment procedures applicable to the Annex other than chapter I."

**Part C  
Suppression of fire**

**Regulation 7 – Detection and alarm**

- 8 In paragraph 4.1, at the end of subparagraph .1, the word "and" is deleted; at the end of

subparagraph .2.2, the period "." is replaced by the word "; and"; and the following new subparagraph .3 is added after the existing subparagraph .2.2:

".3 enclosed spaces containing incinerators".