

Subject:

Amendments to Chapter II-2/
Regulation 18.7 of SOLAS 1974

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To: Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

The revised Regulation II-2/18.7 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, as amended, which will enter into force on 1 February 1992, reads:

"Paint lockers and flammable liquid lockers shall be protected by an appropriate fire-extinguishing arrangement approved by the Administration."

It should be noted that the above requirement applies to all ships subject to SOLAS Convention.

Unless otherwise instructed by the flag administrations, fire-extinguishing arrangement required under the Regulation to be made for ships constructed on and after 1 February 1992 should comply with the following.

1. For paint lockers and flammable liquid lockers having deck area of 4 m² or more, one of the following fixed fire-extinguishing arrangements, or other fixed fire-extinguishing arrangements which the Society considers appropriate, capable of being operated from outside the respective spaces should be provided.

- Fixed CO₂ fire-extinguishing system
- Fixed pressure water-spraying fire-extinguishing system
- Fixed dry powder fire-extinguishing system

2. For paint lockers and flammable liquid lockers having deck area of less than 4 m², either portable CO₂, dry powder fire-extinguishers or other portable fire-extinguishers which the Society considers appropriate may be acceptable, provided that they can be used without entering the spaces.

As for existing ships which constructed before 1 February 1992, the arrangements required and the period of grace for the compliance suggested by the flag administrations will be informed separately.

