

Subject:

Amendments to
the SOLAS 1974, as amended

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To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned,

The amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, which were adopted at the Maritime Safety Committee of IMO in April 1989 by resolution MSC 13(57), enter into force on 1 February 1992.

The amendments apply to ships of 500 tons gross tonnage constructed on and after 1 February 1992 and intended for international voyages. Please take into account them when you build such ships. The main items of the amendments are given in the attached sheet for your ready reference.

NK has been taking necessary steps to incorporate the requirements of the amendments in its Rules.

Attachment



Items of the Amendments to the SOLAS 1974, as amended

- Reg.II-1/12-1 : Double bottoms in cargo ships other than tankers.
- Reg.II-1/21 : Drainage of enclosed cargo spaces situated on the freeboard deck.
- Reg.II-1/23-1 : Indicators for all watertight doors. Indication showing whether watertight doors and shell doors are open or closed on the navigating bridge.
- Reg.II-2/4 : Total suction head and the net positive suction head of the emergency fire pump. Materials for fire hoses.
- Reg.II-2/13-1 : General requirements, installation requirements, and design requirements for sample extraction smoke detection systems.
- Reg.II-2/15 : Conditions under which sounding pipes for oil fuel tanks may be permitted in machinery spaces.
- Reg.II-2/18 : Fire protection for helicopter decks.
- Reg.II-2/38 : Installation of a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system or of a sample extraction smoke detection system in cargo spaces, other than special category spaces, intended for the carriage of motor vehicles with fuel in their tanks for their own propulsion.
- Reg.II-2/40 : Installation of a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system or of a sample extraction smoke detection system in cargo spaces which are not accessible.
- Reg.II-2/44 : Definitions of "service spaces (low risk)" and "service spaces (high risk)".
- Reg.II-2/50 : Non-combustible bulkheads, linings and ceilings fitted in accommodation and service spaces.

- Reg.II-2/53 : Response time of a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system installed in ro-ro cargo spaces. Installation of a sample extraction smoke detection system in cargo spaces, other than ro-ro spaces intended for the carriage of motor vehicles with fuel in their tanks for their own propulsion.
- Reg.II-2/54 : Installation of a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system in ro-ro cargo spaces, and of either a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system or of a sample extraction smoke detection system in all other types of cargo spaces of a ship carrying dangerous goods.
- Reg.II-2/55 : Chemical tankers and gas carriers for which inert gas requirements need not be applied.
- Reg.II-2/56 : Location and separation of spaces.
- Reg.II-2/58 : Definitions of "service spaces (low risk)" and "service spaces (high risk)".
- Reg.II-2/59 : Gas-freeing after purging of the cargo tanks provided with an inert gas system. Discharging operation of the flammable vapour of the cargo tanks not provided with an inert gas system.
- Reg.II-2/62 : Audible and visual alarms for inert gas systems of both the flue, gas type and the inert gas generator type. Additional audible and visual alarms for inert gas systems of the inert gas generator type.