

Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-372

- To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Recognized Organizations (RO), Regional Offices, Manning Agencies, Nautical Inspectors, Shipping Companies, Recognized Trainings Organizations
- Subject:** Early Implementation of SOLAS Regulations II-2/Regulation 1 and II-2/Regulation 10
- Reference:**
- a) Resolution MSC.409 (97) of 25 November 2016 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of life at sea, 1974, as amended adopted through Resolution No. 107-OMI-221-DGMM.
 - b) MSC.1/Circ.1566 - Voluntary early implementation of the amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/1 and II-2/10, of 15 June 2017 - **(Only recommendation)**.
 - c) MSC.1/Circ.1565 - Guidelines on the Voluntary Early Implementation of Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and Related Mandatory Instruments, of 15 June 2017 - **(Only recommendation)**.

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to provide Panamanian flagged ships on the early implementation of amendment to Regulation 10 of Chapter II-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, as amended (SOLAS), adopted on 25 November 2016, considering the MSC.1/Circ.1566 on the voluntary early implementation of the amendments to SOLAS, especially on the application of regulation II-2/10 and MSC.1/Circ.1565 - Guidelines on the Voluntary Early Implementation of Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and Related Mandatory Instruments, of 15 June 2017.

2. SCOPE

2.1 This Merchant Marine Circular applies to all ships registered in the Republic of Panama to which Chapter II-2 of SOLAS is applicable.



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2.2 It should be noted that the amended regulations apply to ships constructed before the planned entry into force date.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its ninety-seventh (97th) session adopted amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/10, through Resolution MSC.409 (97) of 25 November 2016, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 upon their considered acceptance on 1 July 2019, by the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments.

3.2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-eighth (98th) session, invited the Contracting Governments to the SOLAS 1974, to implement the amendments prior to the entry-into-force date, through MSC.1/Circ.1566 of 15 June 2017.

4. AMENDMENT DETAILS

4.1 The following new paragraph is added after existing paragraph 2.8 in regulation 1 – Application – Part A - General: "2.9 Regulation 10.5.1.2.2, as amended by resolution MSC.409(97), applies to ships constructed before 1 January 2020, including those constructed before 1 July 2012."

4.2 In paragraph 5.1.2.2 of SOLAS Regulation II-2/10 – Firefighting, the last sentence is replaced with the following (new text in red):

"In the case of domestic boilers of less than 175 kW, or boilers protected by fixed water-based local application fire-extinguishing systems as required by paragraph 5.6, an approved foam-type extinguisher of at least 135 l capacity is not required."

5. INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 This Administration, based on the provisions of the MSC.1/Circ.1566 accepts voluntary the early implementation of amended SOLAS regulations II-2/Regulation 1 and II-2/Regulation 10.

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