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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Revision of SOLAS Chapter III
Reference	SOLAS Chapter III and the LSA Code

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The functional requirements and performance requirements for the goal-based approach to the revision of SOLAS chapter III were considered, including prioritization of tasks and the time frames required to complete the work.

Due to time constraints, the following work packages could not be implemented:

- review phase I (“Alarms”) considering comments received during the work of the CG on phase II (“Proceed to Embarkation”); and
- develop the necessary functional requirements and expected performance standards for the remaining phases IV to VI, (“Abandoning to safe position”, “Waiting for rescue” and “Retrieval from survival craft”).

Work on the above items will now continue by correspondence. Additionally, it was agreed to invite MSC 112 (December 2026) to establish an Intersessional Working Group (ISWG) after SSE 13.

The application of the revised SOLAS Chapter III and the LSA Code is not expected to change, so will continue to be cargo ships of 500GT or more and all passenger ships. The expected entry into force is not before 1 January 2032.

REFERENCE:

- SOLAS Chapter III and the LSA Code

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