



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 923 of 7th May 2026

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	FSS Code on construction requirements for gaskets
Reference	FSS Code

Development of amendments to paragraph 2.1.2.5 of chapter 5 of the FSS Code on construction requirements for gaskets

An amendment to paragraph 2.1.2.5 of chapter 5 (Fixed Gas Fire-Extinguishing Systems) of the FSS Code to exclude gaskets from the requirement to be constructed of materials having a melting temperature which exceeds 925°C was agreed. The amendments are applicable to both new and existing ships and are expected to be approved at MSC 112 for subsequent adoption by MSC 113.

Revision of the 2010 FTP Code to allow for new fire protection systems and materials

The 2010 FTP Code and relevant fire test procedures therein were reviewed to allow for new fire protection systems and materials to be included.

It was agreed that:

- SOLAS regulation II-2/9.3.1 is not an appropriate location for addressing the application of plastic pipes.
- The unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-2/9.3.1 in MSC.1/Circ.1120 has served its purpose and will become obsolete after the adoption of the revised FTP Code.

The following were developed:

- Draft amendments to the 2010 FTP Code to introduce tests for plastic pipes in annex 1, part 6, making a footnote reference to paragraph 2.2 of the Guidelines for the use of plastic pipes on ships (A.753(18)). Given the non-mandatory nature of the FTP Code and that plastic pipes are not addressed in SOLAS, it was noted that a specific SOLAS amendment on the application of plastic pipes would be needed for the new draft requirements to become mandatory.
- Draft amendments to the 2010 FTP Code to introduce tests for "H" class divisions in annex 1, part 3, including application requirements and performance criteria.

Due to time constraints, the work will be continued by correspondence with the following expected to be further developed:

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- draft amendments to the 2010 FTP Code for the following: – introduce tests for "H" class divisions in annex 1, part 3
- multipurpose penetrations/transits; and
- horizontal A-class hatches.

REFERENCE:

- Paragraph 2.1.2.5 of chapter 5 of the FSS Code

ATTACHMENTS: No.

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