



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 924 of 4th June 2026

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Containment of Fire
Reference	SOLAS regulation II-2/9

Review and update SOLAS regulation II-2/9 on “Containment of Fire”

The review and update of SOLAS regulation II-2/9 on “Containment of Fire” to incorporate existing guidance and clarify requirements continued. The following was agreed:

- MSC.1/Circ.917 *Guidelines on Fire Safety Construction in Accommodation Areas* should not be referenced in SOLAS regulation II-2/9.2.2.2.3 at this stage, noting that the guidance needs to be reviewed and updated (which will require a new output proposal to be submitted and agreed);
- draft amendments to address "dumb waiters" consistently across all ship types have been agreed;
- updates to the notes to tables 9.1 to 9.8 (fire integrity of bulkheads and decks) in SOLAS regulation II-2/9 (containment of fire), including reformatting to avoid confusion with SOLAS footnotes;
- draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/3 (definitions) for "accommodation spaces" and "service spaces"; and
- the unified interpretations of SOLAS regulation II-2/9.3.1 in MSC.1/Circ.1203, and SOLAS regulations II-2/9.4.1.1.8 and 9.7.3.1.2 in MSC.1/Circ.1120, have served their purpose and will become obsolete once this work is completed.

Draft amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/3 and II-2/9 were finalized for expected approval at MSC 112 and subsequent adoption at MSC 113.

Further work, to be carried out by correspondence includes drafting application provisions for the amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/3 and 9, revision of circulars MSC.1/Circ.1120 and MSC.1/Circ.1203 (plus any other circulars whose UIs have been incorporated into the draft amendments) and further develop the compilation of existing explanatory figures for SOLAS regulation II-2/9.

REFERENCE:

- • MSC.1/Circ.917 *Guidelines on Fire Safety Construction in Accommodation Areas*

ATTACHMENTS: No.

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