



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 925 of 5th June 2026

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Detection and control of fires in cargo holds
Reference	FSS Code

Development of amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 and the FSS Code on the detection and control of fires in cargo holds and on the cargo deck of containerships

The development of amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 and the FSS Code on the detection and control of fires in cargo holds and on the cargo deck of containerships continued.

Draft new SOLAS regulation II-2/7.11

Draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/7 – *Detection and alarm* were finalized. The amendments relate to localization and confirmation of fires on ships designed to carry containers on or above the weather deck, including requirements for portable infrared thermal imagers (number, storage, testing and functionality) and reference to relevant international or recognized standards. The requirements are expected to apply to ships constructed on or after 1 January 2032.

There was not time to determine whether any consequential amendments to MSC/Circ.1432 *Revised guidelines for the maintenance and inspection of fire protection systems and appliances* are needed, therefore, this will be considered by correspondence.

REFERENCE:

- SOLAS chapter II-2

ATTACHMENTS: No.

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