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## **FIRE PROTECTION**

### **Scope of application for the draft amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2**

#### **Submitted by the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)**

##### **SUMMARY**

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document outlines concerns IACS has regarding the lack of clarity regarding the application dates for some of the proposed amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 that are before the Committee for approval
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	2
<i>High-level action:</i>	2.0.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	2.0.1.25
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 6
<i>Related document:</i>	FP 54/25

### **Introduction**

1 *Inter alia*, at the fifty-fourth session of the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, the following draft amendments to the SOLAS Convention and the FSS Code were finalized for submission to the Committee with a view to their approval:

- .1 draft amendments to the FSS Code (FP 54/25, annex 1);
- .2 draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/20 (FP 54/25, annex 2);
- .3 draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/10.5.6.3.1 (FP 54/25, annex 2);  
and
- .4 draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/9 (FP 54/25, annex 13).

2 The draft amendments referred to in paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 above clearly indicate the intended scope of application. However, application statements are not provided in the draft texts of the amendments referred to in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 above.

**Discussion**

3 With reference to the draft amendments mentioned in paragraph 1.3 above, IACS is of the view that the expanded application of fixed local application fire-extinguishing systems to the fire hazard portions of all internal combustion machinery (regardless of whether the machinery is used for the ship's main propulsion and power generation) will apply to new ships only.

4 With reference to the draft amendments mentioned in paragraph 1.4 above, in the light of paragraph 25.2.12 of document FP 54/25 whereby the Sub-Committee invited the Committee to "note that the amendments should apply to new ships only", IACS considers that an application statement reflecting the Sub-Committee's view should be included in the regulatory text.

**Proposal**

5 If the Committee agrees with the views expressed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, IACS proposes that, before they are circulated in accordance with SOLAS Article VIII with a view to subsequent adoption, the texts referenced in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 above are clarified accordingly.

**Action requested of the Committee**

6 The Committee is invited to consider the views expressed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and the proposed course of action in paragraph 5 above, and take action as appropriate.

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