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**The dedicated seawater ballast tanks in SOLAS  
Chapter II-1  
(Regulation 3-2)**

**Regulation**

Reg.3-2 of SOLAS II-1 (as in MSC.216(82)) reads:

*“2 All dedicated seawater ballast tanks arranged in ships and double-side skin spaces arranged in bulk carriers of 150 m in length and upwards shall be coated during construction in accordance with the Performance standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee by resolution MSC.215(82), as may be amended by the Organization, provided that such amendments are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the present Convention concerning the amendment procedures applicable to the Annex other than chapter I.”*

**Interpretation**

The following tanks are not considered to be dedicated seawater ballast tanks and are therefore exempt from the application and requirement the IMO PSPC:

1. Ballast tank identified as "Spaces included in Net Tonnage" in the 1969 ITC Certificate;
2. Sea water ballast tanks in passenger vessels also designated for the carriage of grey water.

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Note:

This UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies to ships as defined in Regulation 3-2.1 of SOLAS II-1.

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