

SC 240 Closing device for ventilation of battery rooms (SOLAS II-2/5.2.1.1)

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The main inlets and outlets of all ventilation systems shall be capable of being closed from outside the spaces being ventilated. The means of closing shall be easily accessible as well as prominently and permanently marked and shall indicate whether the shut-off is open or closed.

Interpretation

Battery room ventilators are to be fitted with a means of closing whenever:

- i) The battery room does not open directly onto an exposed deck.
- ii) The ventilation opening for the battery room is required to be fitted with a closing device according to the Load Line Convention (i.e. the height of the opening does not extend to more than 4.5 m (14.8 feet) above the deck for position 1 or to more than 2.3 m (7.5 feet) above the deck in position 2; or
- iii) The battery room is fitted with a fixed gas fire extinguishing system.

Where a battery room ventilator is fitted with a closing device, then a warning notice stating, for example "This closing device is to be kept open and only closed in the event of fire or other emergency – Explosive gas", is to be provided at the closing device to mitigate the possibility of inadvertent closing.

Notes:

1. ~~This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies from 1 July 2011.~~ This UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies on ships contracted for construction (as defined in IACS PR29) on or after 1 July 2011.
2. The "contracted for construction" date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of "contract for construction", refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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