

The Unified Interpretation regarding the Number and Arrangement of Portable Fire Extinguishers Onboard Ships

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R
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Reason for Amendment

The requirements for the number of portable fire extinguishers provided in accommodation spaces, service spaces and control stations are specified in SOLAS II-2/Reg.10. However, details regarding the number and arrangement of them are not specified. A Unified Interpretation was prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection at its 52nd session in January 2008. It was approved by the Maritime Safety Committee at its 84th session in May 2008 and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1275.

Even though MSC.1/Circ.1275 is not mandatory, it is the internationally-agreed standard and in the future it is expected to be required as part of the PSC, etc. Therefore, this amendment has been introduced in order to incorporate MSC.1/Circ.1275 into the Rules.

Outline of Amendment

The requirements for the number and arrangement of portable fire extinguishers onboard ships have been amended.