

Introduction

CHAPTER II-2 OF SOLAS: CONSTRUCTION - FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE EXTINCTION

Chapter II-2 of SOLAS, Fire Protection, Fire Detection and Fire Extinction, has been revised and enters into force on 1 July 2002. It is being implemented by means of the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations 2003. However it should be noted that some parts of Chapter II-2 apply to existing ships and these are set out in regulations 1.2.2 and 1.6.7 of Chapter II-2. Reference should be made to the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 2003 which implements the amendments to existing legislation where Chapter II-2 applies to existing ships.

This publication has been prepared to help ship-owners, masters, crews and industry to understand and comply with the new regulations.

The publication contains the full International Maritime Organization (IMO) text of each Regulation. Following the text of each Regulation are explanatory Guidance Notes relating to the Regulation or part of the Regulation.

The full titles of IMO resolutions, IMO resolutions published as Codes, IMO Circulars, and other standards referenced within the Regulations or Guidance Notes are listed in the Appendix.

The Regulations and Guidance are coded as follows:

Regulation

The text of the regulation is in italics

MCA Guidance

G1 - Guidance is in regular text and is prefixed "G"

Links within the Regulations

Each Regulation is hyperlinked to the index for easy reference. In addition references to other paragraphs have been hyperlinked throughout the document.

It should be noted that where another paragraph is referred to within the same Regulation the link will say, for example within regulation 9, "see paragraph 3.1.2." If the reference is to another paragraph within the immediate vicinity, e.g. paragraph 3.1 refers to paragraph 3.2, there is no hyperlink.

If the reference is to another paragraph within another Regulation e.g. regulation 9 makes reference to regulation 11, the reference would be "see regulation 11.3.1".