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Fire-fighter's communication requirement in accordance with SOLAS regulation II-2/10.104

The Mercantile Marine office hereby reminds all concerned that the SOLAS Regulation II-2/10 regarding fire fighters' communication was amended by IMO Resolution MSC 338(91).

This requirements applies to all new SOLAS ships constructed on or after 01 July 2014 of 500 gross tons or more. Existing ships constructed before 01 July 2014 are required to comply not later than the first safety equipment survey after 01 July 2018.

This resolution added paragraph 10.4 to clarify that "a minimum of two (2) two-way portable radiotelephone apparatus for each fire party for fire-fighter's communication shall be carried on board." These radio devices are to be of an explosion proof type or intrinsically safe. The total number of radios to be carried on board will depend upon the number of fire parties as detailed in muster list. Each party shall have at least two of this dedicated radios.

The fire fighter's radios should be placed & secured in a permanently and clearly marked locations as nominated by ship's master. Fire fighter's radios shall be marked or coloured to identify such radios from other portable radios on board and they shall be easily recognizable.

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