



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended and its Protocol of 1978 and 1988

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.532(107), MSC.533(107) and MSC.534(107) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2, V, XIV and Appendix (Certificates) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended ("SOLAS") and its Protocol of 1978 and 1988. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 107th session adopted the resolutions MSC.532(107), MSC.533(107) and MSC.534(107) on 8 June 2023 to amend the SOLAS and its Protocol of 1978 and 1988. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

2. Significant amendments to Chapters II-1, II-2, V, XIV and Appendix (Certificates) of SOLAS and its Protocol of 1978 and 1988 are exhibited as follow, amongst others: -

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Part/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.532(107)	II-1/2 and 3-13	To introduce new requirements for onboard lifting appliances and anchor handling winches, which apply to both new and existing ships.
MSC.533(107)	II-2/1 and 10	To introduce the prohibition of use or storage of fire-extinguishing media containing PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid) for firefighting on board ships.

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Part/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.532(107)	V/2, 18 and 19	Requiring the carriage of an electronic inclinometer onboard newly constructed container ships and bulk carriers of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards.
MSC.532(107)	XIV/2, 3 and 3-1	Amending for the implementation of safety measures under the Polar Code, for non-SOLAS ships operating in polar waters.
MSC.532(107)	Appendix (Certificates)	Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS provide a new entry “Containership” (type of ship) in form of the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate and Nuclear Cargo Ship Safety Certificate. Form C, form E and form P are amended for “number of immersion suits” and form C & form E are added a new entry “electronic inclinometer”.
MSC.533(107)	Appendix (Certificates)	Amendments to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol provide a new entry “Containership” (type of ship) in form of the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.
MSC.534(107)	Appendix (Certificates)	Amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol provide a new entry “Containership” (type of ship) in form of the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate and Cargo Ship Safety Certificate.

3. The details of the resolutions MSC.532(107), MSC.533(107) and MSC.534(107) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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