1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (16 to 25 May 2012), with a view to providing more specific guidance for the application of the relevant requirements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, approved unified interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-2, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fifty-fifth session, as set out in the annex, in the form of amendments to MSC/Circ.1120.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the unified interpretations set out below as guidance when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS chapter II-2 to fire protection of ships' pantries and to bring them to the attention of all parties concerned.

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ANNEX
AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2,
THE FSS CODE, THE FTP CODE AND RELATED FIRE TEST PROCEDURES
(MSC/Circ.1120)

1 The Interpretation to SOLAS regulation II-2/3.1 is replaced by the following:

"Devices in pantries or isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances

PANTRIES OR ISOLATED PANTRIES CONTAINING NO COOKING APPLIANCES MAY CONTAIN:

.1 toasters, microwave ovens, induction heaters and similar appliances each of them with a maximum power of 5 kW; and

.2 electrically heated cooking plates and hot plates for keeping food warm each of them with a maximum power of 2 kW and a surface temperature not above 150°C.

These pantries may also contain coffee machines, dish washers and water boilers with no exposed hot surfaces regardless of their power.

A dining room containing such appliances should not be regarded as a pantry.

This interpretation also covers regulations 9.2.2.3.2.2(9), 9.2.2.4.2.2(3), 9.2.3.3.2.2(3) and 9.2.4.2.2.2(3)."

2 The Interpretation to SOLAS regulation II-2/3.45 is replaced by the following:

"Devices in main pantries, pantries containing cooking appliances and galleys

1. MAIN PANTRIES AND PANTRIES CONTAINING COOKING APPLIANCES MAY CONTAIN:

.1 toasters, microwave ovens, induction heaters and similar appliances each of them with a power of more than 5 kW; and

.2 electrically heated cooking plates and hot plates for keeping food warm each of them with a maximum power of 5 kW.

These pantries may also contain coffee machines, dish washers and water boilers regardless of their power.

This interpretation also covers regulations 9.2.2.3.2.2(13) and 9.2.2.4.2.2(9).

2. SPACES CONTAINING ANY ELECTRICALLY HEATED COOKING PLATE OR HOT PLATE FOR KEEPING FOOD WARM WITH A POWER OF MORE THAN 5 kW SHOULD BE REGARDED AS GALLEYS."