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DOCUMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SOLAS REGULATION II-2/54

- The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-ninth session (11 to 20 May 1998), noting the lack of uniformity in the enforcement of SOLAS regulation II-2/54.3 relating to the Document of Compliance for ships carrying dangerous goods, agreed to advise, for clarification purposes, that such a document is required only when a ship carries or intends to carry dangerous goods as defined in SOLAS regulation VII/2, except class 6.2 and class 7, and is:
 - a passenger ship constructed on or after 1 September 1984; or .1
 - .2 a cargo ship of 500 gross tons or over constructed on or after 1 September 1984; or
 - .3 a cargo ship of less than 500 gross tons constructed on or after 1 February 1992.
- SOLAS Contracting Governments are invited to recognize and advise, for clarification purposes, that cargoes covered by the BC Code do not require the Document of Compliance as stipulated in SOLAS regulation II-2/54.3, unless such cargoes are classified in accordance with SOLAS regulation VII/2, except class 6.2 and class 7.